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TO : Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

DATE: August 8, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to my letter to the Bureau dated July 28, 1947 entitled as above forwarding a copy of a report furnished to me by Lieutenant Colonel DONALD SPRINGER, A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, setting forth the results of inquiries made by his office concerning the reported sightings of flying discs.

As of further interest to the Bureau in this regard, there are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of three letters dated August 4, 1947 and entitled "Investigation of Flying Discs," furnished to me by Major WILLIAM R. GRAHAM, Deputy AC of S, A-2, Army Air Forces, Hamilton Field, California, who is acting in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel SPRINGER, enclosing copies of reports of additional reported sightings of flying discs by persons in Oregon and Arizona, together with the results of their investigations in that regard.

It is noted that these investigations were conducted prior to the time Bureau instructions were issued that our own Bureau would conduct inquiries into the reported sightings of flying discs.

Copies of these reports are being forwarded to the Portland and Phoenix Offices for the completion of their files in connection with this subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 13, 1947

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC REPORTED AT
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 3, 1947 - MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to the teletype from the Newark Division to the Bureau dated August 4, 1947 stating that a "Flying Disc" had been reported to have been seen at Hackensack, New Jersey on August 3 last by one CHARLES CASELLA, JR. and WILLIAM TRUEX.

CHARLES CASELLA, JR., 287 Euclid Avenue, Hackensack, upon interview by Special Agent ARTHUR F. WILLIAMS of this Division, stated that on August 3 he had been standing with WILLIAM TRUEX, a soldier stationed at Fort Dix, observing a "ham" radio rig atop a two-story house on Simons Avenue, Hackensack. It was approximately 7:45 p.m., and they were in this vicinity for the purpose of meeting TRUEX's girlfriend, one JOYCE Mc FARLAND.

TRUEX commented to CASELLA that a child had apparently lost its balloon. CASELLA looked and about a block or a half block away noticed a round, black object moving from south to north and east of the stop where he and TRUEX were standing. CASELLA noticed that it was moving too fast to be an ordinary balloon, but he could not discern whether it was globular in form or a disc. He said it was about thirty to forty inches in diameter moving north in a horizontal plane about two hundred yards above the top of the hill at Summit Avenue and Simons Avenue. It proceeded at a steady rate, emitted no rays, and was moving fast enough to require them to turn their heads steadily in order to follow it. TRUEX's girlfriend came out about fifteen seconds after they first sighted it. They pointed it out to her, and she said that it looked like a bird on the horizon so small. It faded out of sight shortly thereafter. CASELLA said that a line drawn along its apparent course of flight would go from the vicinity of Bendix, New Jersey to a point west of Westwood, New Jersey.

CASELLA also said that a man on the porch across the street also noticed it and pointed it out to the women. CASELLA said that this man seemed excited but did nothing about it.

CASELLA said that he was positive it was no optical illusion. He was not facing into the sun and saw the object clearly. He also said that he would have thought nothing of it except for the speed at which it was traveling.

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Miss JOYCE Mc FARLAND, 476 Simons Avenue, upon interview by Special Agent WILLIAMS, stated that the event in question occurred at about 7:30 on the evening of Sunday, August 3. She said that she was in the house when CASELLA or TRUEX called to her. She went out immediately, and they pointed out the object in question. She saw it just before it disappeared over the horizon, but she declared that it was in view from that time for approximately one minute. She said it was round and silver-blue in color and appeared to be revolving. She said that she did not recall making any comment that it might have been a bird and herself had no idea of what it could be. In view of the distance from which she noticed it, she said that it could not have been more than six inches in diameter but would have been much larger if she had been near to it. Miss Mc FARLAND said that she had never seen anything like it before.

She said that across the street the BOOTHS, mother and daughter, were the only people sitting on the porch and she, herself, did not notice anyone pointing toward the object in question. The only other person around, to her knowledge, was GLORIA TRUEX, sister of WILLIAM TRUEX, who remained in the house and did not see the object at all.

Mrs. WINFIELD S. BOOTH, 459 Simons Avenue, stated that she was on the porch on the evening in question with her mother but did not notice any unusual object in the sky nor had any man been present there to point out the object in question.

The following information was received from TRUEX through interview by Special Agent T. HOWARD WALDRON:

Private WILLIAM A. TRUEX, RA 12282003, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division, Fort Dix, New Jersey, advised he was born April 12, 1930 at Jersey City, New Jersey and completed eight and one half years of school. He enlisted in the United States Army on May 29, 1947. His mother is Mrs. GRACE FIELDS of 88 Wales Avenue, River Edge, Bergen County, New Jersey. TRUEX stated that on Sunday, August 3, 1947, at 8:00 p.m., he was standing outside the home of his girlfriend, Miss JOYCE Mc FARLAND, 478 Simons Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey, accompanied by CHARLES CASELLA of 287 Euclid Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey, who is his sister's fiance. He said that he and CASELLA were looking at the radio antenna on a home near the 478 Simons Avenue address when they noticed an object

about two to three feet in diameter moving rapidly about two hundred yards off the ground. TRUEX said he thought at first it was a child's balloon, but when he noticed there was no wind and the object had no strings to it, he decided it was something else. He stated the object was moving in a steady, straight path, going north, and he said there was no exhaust or indication of any motive power for the object. TRUEX said they observed the object for fifteen or twenty seconds. He could not give a description of the object's color or the material it was composed of but said it looked more like a large, flat child's cup than anything else he could think of, as the object was oval on the top and came to a point on the bottom side. TRUEX said that CASELLA stated "Maybe it's a flying saucer". He said he had never seen anything move through the air quite like this object, and he had no idea where it came from.

TRUEX stated that neither he nor CASELLA had had anything to drink, and there was sufficient light for them to observe the object very clearly.

The "Flying Disc" was reported by CASELLA to Sergeant JAMES PERONE of the Hackensack Police Department. Sergeant PERONE advised the writer that his Department had taken no further action nor had they received reports of the object in question from any other source. It may be noted that no other Police Department in the vicinity has brought to the attention of this Division any information regarding this matter.

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UNSUBS, RAYMOND EDWARD LAND, MRS. LAURA LANE, INFORMATNTS, FLYING DISC, MISC. INFO RECEIVED FROM DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN, THAT ON JULY TEN LAST RAYMOND EDWARD LANE AN EMPLOYEE OF DOW AND SUBSIDIARY SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTY TWO, BROUGHT SOME MATERIAL TO THEIR PHYSICS LABORATORY STATING THAT ABOUT FIVE FEETEEN PM JULY NINE LAST HE AND WIFE, LAURA LANE, WERE WALKING IN A FIELD OWNED BY DOW AND ABOUT A HUNDRED FEET AWAY HEARD A PUFF NOISE, TURNED AND SAW A BALL OF WHITE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BUSHEL BAKET BURNING ABOUT A FOOT OFF THE GROUND. THE FIRE DIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AND LANE LATER SCOOPED UP A THREE INCH AREA OF FUSED SAND INTO A CAN AND TOOK THIS TO THE PHYSICS LAB. BOTH ~~COMPLAINANTS INTERVIEWED~~. Upon Interview by Bureau Agents RAYMOND TELLING SUBSTANTIALLY SAME STORY BUT WIFE RELUCTANT TO TALK AND VERY INDEFINITE ON WHAT HAPPENED. THERE ARE MAKRED DISCREPANCIES IN THEIR STORY. DOW AUTHORITIES CONSIDERED STORY FANTASTIC BUT HAVE EXAMINED MATERIAL AND STATE CONTENTS TO BE ORDINARY SAND, NOT RADIO ACTIVE , BUT GIVING OFF AMMONIA GAS, A SMALL SILVER NUGGET ALMOT PURE EXCEPT FOR SAND MISED IN IT NOT RADIO ACTIVE, MELTED ORIGINAL SAND WHICH GIVES OFF AMMONIA ODOR, AND LITTLE DROPLETS OF SILVER MELTED IN SAND AND SOME OTHER GRAYISH COLOR IN MATERIAL WHICH IS RADIO ACTIVE. LEVEL OF RADIO ACTIVITY EXTREMELY LOW AND EMPLOYEE FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMET AT LOS ALAMOS PROJECT STATES FUSED SAND HAS SOME CHARACTERISIC

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OF LOS ALAMOS SAND BUT NOT BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME. RAYMOND LAND KNOWN TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION SMALL QUANTITY OF LUMINOUS PAINT, RADIO ACTIVE, TO BE AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER, TO HAVE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS FROM EMPLOYMENT AT DOW. LAND DESCRIBED AS VERY PECULIAR, SURELY, ANTAGONISTIC TO PLANT PROTECTION OFFICERS, INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND ELECTRICITY. LANE IS WHITE, BORN MAY SEVEN, NINETEEN NAUGHT TWO, AT FREESOIL, MICHIGAN, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, PARTLY BALD, SERVED US ARMY NINETEEN EIGHTEEN TO NINETEEN TWENTY THREE, CONVICTED NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR MIDLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR BURGLARY, SERVING SIXTY DAY SENTENCE. NEITHER PARTY ADMITS STORY IS A PRANK, BUT LANE HAS MENTIONED FLYING DISCS AND ROCKETS. ON INTERVIEW LANE WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS MATTER AND NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE ARE ABLE TO LOCATE THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE MATERIAL WAS FOUND. ARMY AIR FORCES INTELLIGENCE AT SELFRIDGE FIELD, MICHIGAN, HAVE BEEN ADVISED. SUTEL IF BUREAU DESIRES MATERIAL FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 8, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Raymond Edward Lane,
Mrs. Laura Lane - Informants;
FLYING DISC
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There is attached a memorandum setting forth the pertinent information received by the Detroit Office from Raymond Edward Lane and Mrs. Laura Lane relative to "flying discs."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this material be personally delivered by the Liaison Section to the appropriate contact in the War Department.

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Attachment to S. C. Jacobus memo 8/11/47

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FLYING DISCS

Information was received from the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan, that on July 10, 1947, one Raymond Edward Lane, an employee of Dow Chemical Company since about 1922, brought some material to their Physics laboratory. He stated that about 5:15 p.m., July 9, he and his wife, Laura, were walking in a field when they heard a puff noise about one hundred feet away. They turned and saw a ball of white about the size of a bushel basket burning approximately a foot off of the ground. The fire died out immediately and later Lane scooped up a three inch area of fused sand into a can for examination at their laboratory.

Upon interview by FBI Agents, Raymond told substantially the same story, but Mrs. Lane was reluctant to talk and very indefinite about what happened. There were marked discrepancies in their stories.

Dow authorities considered the story fantastic but have examined the material and state contents are: ordinary sand, not radio active, but giving off ammonia gas; a small silver nugget almost pure except for sand mixed in it, not radio active; melted or fused sand which gives off ammonia odor and little droplets of silver melted in sand and some grayish color material which is radio active. The level of radio activity in this material is extremely low. An employee of Dow, formerly employed by the Government at Los Alamos Project, stated the fused sand has some characteristics of Los Alamos sand but he does not believe it is the same.

Raymond Lane is known to have in his possession a small quantity of luminous paint, radio active, to be an amateur photographer and to have a limited knowledge of chemistry and physics. He is described as very peculiar, surly, antagonistic to plant protection officers and interested in photography and electricity. Lane is white, was born May 7, 1902, at Freesoil, Michigan. He is 5' 9½", weighs 145 pounds, has dark brown hair, partly bald, served in the U.S. Army from 1918 to 1923. He was arrested for burglary in Midland County, Michigan, in 1924, for which he served a sixty day sentence.

Neither Raymond Lane nor his wife will admit their story is a prank. However, neither are able to point out the exact location of this incident.

The Army Airforce Intelligence at Selfridge Field, Michigan, has been advised and the material has been turned over to them.

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FLYING DISC SIGHTED BY MRS. ROBERT LITTLE, SECURITY MATER X.

CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN TODAY REPORTED THAT LITTLE OF SIX THREE TWO SEVEN HARPER AVENUE CHICAGO REPORTED SEEING A DISC THREE THIRTY AM TODAY SAILING ABOVE LAKE MICHIGAN OFF JACKSON PARK BEACH. LITTLE UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY. FATHER IN LAW JOSEPH REINER, SIX THREE TWO SEVEN HARPER AVENUE, ADVISED LITTLE SIGHTED DISC OVER A MONTH AGO AND SHE IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE. NO FURTHER INQUIRY CONTEMPLATED.

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TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 7/21/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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Colonel Carl Golbranson of the Intelligence Division of the War Department advised Special Agent S. W. Reynolds of the Liaison Section that the War Department has received a telegram, dated New York, New York, July 5, as follows:

"FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING FLYING DISKS SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT OF MR. RICHARD F. SHAVER LILY LAKE ILLINOIS WHO MAY HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ORIGIN."

Colonel Golbranson furnished Mr. Reynolds with a copy of the memorandum entitled "Report on Flying Saucers," dated July 7, 1947, addressed to Commanding General, 32d AAF Base Unit, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., from John D. Schindler, Jr., a copy of which is attached to this memorandum. The attached memorandum sets forth information and statistics regarding two reportings of incidents of flying disks. There is also attached hereto a map of the Illinois River area which was furnished to Mr. Reynolds by Colonel Golbranson. Colonel Golbranson stated that according to this map the incidents reported in the attached memorandum are in the general vicinity of Lily Lake, which was given as the address of Mr. Richard F. Shaver in the anonymous telegram received by the War Department.

Colonel Golbranson advised that in view of the fact that the observation of the flying saucers was made on July 7th and the date of the unsigned telegram is July 5th, together with the proximity of Lily Lake to the points where the objects were observed, he desired the Bureau conduct some investigation of Shaver to determine whether or not he has any information pertaining to the origin of the flying saucers.

Mr. Reynolds advised Colonel Golbranson that his request would be made known to you and the results of any investigation would be brought to his attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the field be directed to make inquiries regarding Shaver and, if deemed advisable, interview him regarding any information that he has relative to flying disks. The results of any investigation should be forwarded to the Liaison Section for delivery to the Intelligence Division of the War Department.

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The War Department has furnished this Bureau with the following telegram dated July 5 at New York, New York:

"FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING FLYING DISKS SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT OF MR. RICHARD F. SHAVER LILY LAKE ILLINOIS WHO MAY HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ORIGIN."

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It is, therefore, desired that the Chicago Field Division conduct appropriate inquiries regarding Shaver, and in the event such inquiries do not reveal information indicating that he should not be interviewed, he should be interrogated for any information he might have relative to flying discs. It is desired that this matter be handled as soon as possible and the Bureau promptly advised.

Enclosure

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FBI

DATE: 16 July 47

FROM : WDGS, US BRANCH

SUBJECT: RICHARD F. SHAVER

1. Attached hereto:

a. Copy of unsigned telegram received by HQ. AAF 9 July 1947, in which it is indicated that Richard F. Shaver, Lilly Lake, Illinois may have information concerning the origin of the "flying saucers".

b. Copy of a report on flying saucers which were observed by four witnesses while in flight in two airplanes over southern Wisconsin.

c. Map with indications as to proximity of the locations where the flying saucers were reported to have been seen in relation to Lily Lake, Ill.

2. In view of the fact that the time the observation of the flying saucers was made corresponds closely with the date of the unsigned telegram, and considering the proximity of Lily Lake to the points where the objects were observed, it is requested that Mr Shaver be investigated to determine whether or not he has information pertaining to the origin of Flying Saucers.

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ENCLOSURE 62-83114-58

7 July 1947

SUBJECT: Report on Flying Saucers.

TO: Commanding General
32d AAF Base Unit
Bolling Field
Washington, D. C.

1. Following are statistics regarding reports by four witnesses while in flight in two airplanes.

2. Weather CAVU. Visibility exceptionally good. Scattered altocumulus 6000 feet.

3. First report: time 1145 hours CST. Alt. of observers 800 feet above the ground. Altitude of saucer 4000 feet MSL. Observed period - First sighted over Koshkonong, Wisconsin. Flight was observed from town of Koshkonong to Elkhorn, Wisconsin. This flight covered twenty-five (25) miles in fifteen (15) seconds, which is a speed of six thousand (6000) miles per hour.

4. Second report: Time 1430 hours CST. Altitude of observers thirty-five hundred feet (3500) MSL. Altitude of saucer twenty-five hundred feet (2500). Observation period. Observers at East Troy, Wisconsin, flight observed from Eagle, Wisconsin to Muskego, Wisconsin. This flight covered twenty-two (22) miles in twenty (20 seconds, which is a spped of three thousand nine hudred sixty (3960) miles per hour.

5. Flight maneuvers: First observation-saucer descended vertically edgewise through altocumulus clouds, stopped at four thousand (4000) feet and assumed horizontal position and proceeded in horizontal flight from a horizontal position for fifteen (15) seconds covering twenty-five (25) miles and again stopped and disappeared. S econd observation: Observed in horizontal flight in a horizontal attitude for a period of twenty (20) seconds covering twenty-two (22) miles. By the time the pilot had removed his camera from the glove compartment of his plane, the saucer disappeared and again reappeared approximately ten (10) miles farther along its course after six (6) seconds making its final disappearance.

6. The first two observers were an instructor and a student, having just taken off from Elkhorn Airport. The second two observers, one being Cap't. R. J. Southey, Wing Supply Officer and a passenger.

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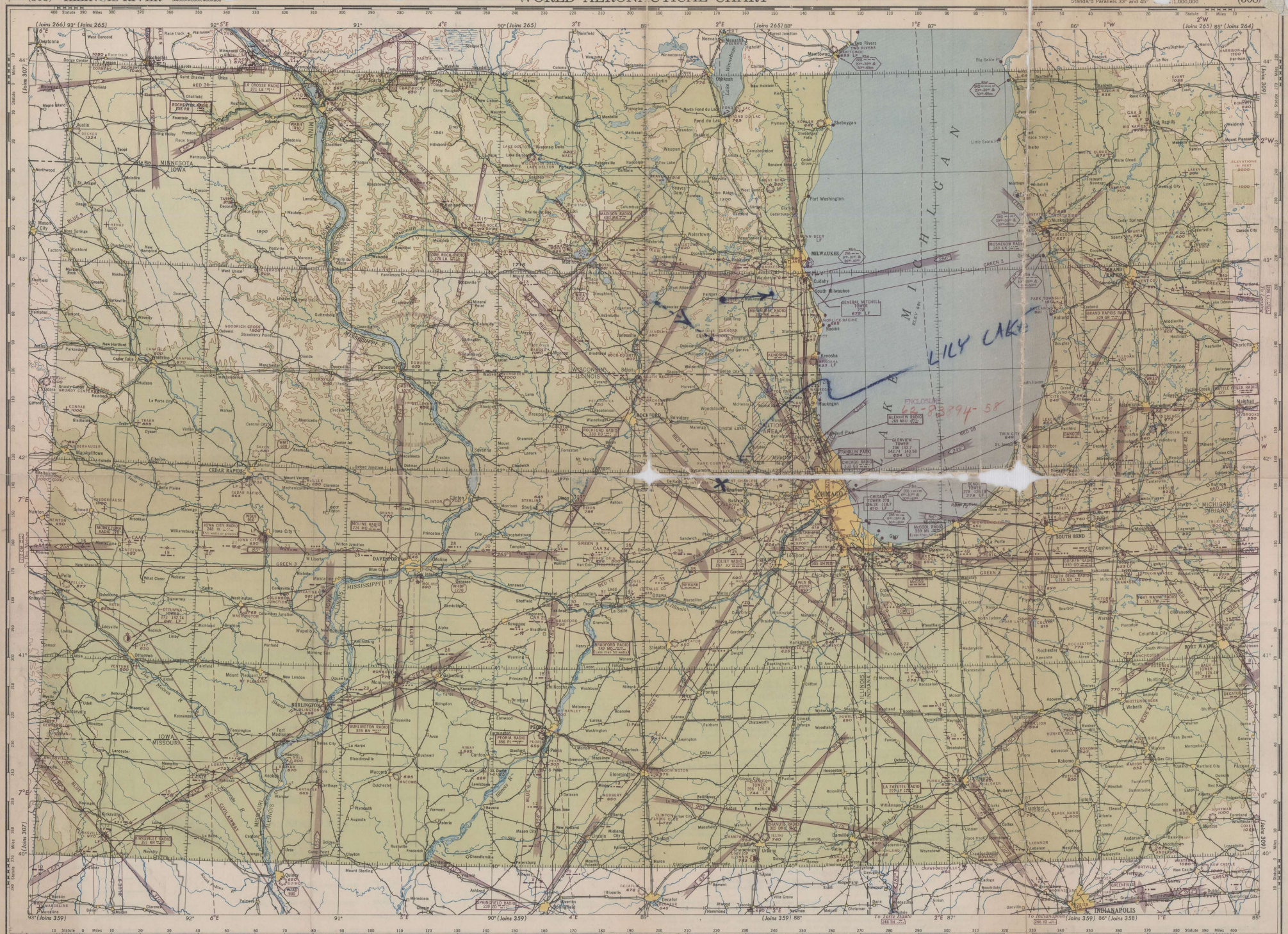
ENCLOSURE John D. Schindler, Jr.
Maj. Air Corps, AAF-CAP Liaison Officer,



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- AVIATION BEACON FLASHING CODE
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- NIGHTLIGHTING FACILITY
- LIGHTS (SURFACE NAVIGATIONAL)
- LIGHTSHIP

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(Ref: AAF Reg. 65-82, dated 26 Apr., 1944)

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DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

FLYING DISCS, S. M. - X. RETEL PORTLAND TO DIRECTOR , SAN FRANCISCO, AND SEATTLE AUGUST FIVE LAST. INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS MCCORD FIELD, WN., ADVISE THAT IN THEIR [redacted] OPINION AND FROM THEIR INVESTIGATION THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE CRASH OF THE B- TWENTYFIVE AT KELSO, WN. [redacted] APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTY A. M. , AUGUST ONE LAST HAVING BEEN CAUSED BY ANY SABOTAGE. THEY STATE THEIR INVESTIGATION INDICATES THE LEFT ENGINE BURNED OUT AN EXHAUST STACK WHICH CAUSED THE WING TO BURN AND BREAK OFF. THE LEFT WING AS IT [redacted] BROKE OFF TORE OFF THE TAIL AND THE PLANE CRASHED INTO THE GROUND KILLING CAPT. DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS OF THE FOURTH AIR FORCE WHO WERE RETURNING FROM MCCORD FIELD, WN., TO HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA. THE CREW CHIEF AND A HITCHHIKER PARACHUTED TO SAFETY FROM THE PLANE. ONLY FOUR MEMBERS WERE ABOARD THE PLANE, DAVIDSON AND BROWN BEING PILOT AND CO- PILOT AND HAD NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE WHEN THE WING BROKE OFF. LT. COL. DONALD L. SPRINGER, A- TWO [redacted] OFFICER FOR THE FOURTH AIR FORCE, HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT CAPTAIN DAVIDSSON AND BROWN WERE SENT FROM HAMILTON FIELD TO INTERVIEW HAROLD A. DAHL AND FRED CRISMAN AT TACOMA, WN., REGARDING THEIR REPORT OF SEEING SOME FLYING DISCS OVER MAURY ISLAND, WN., AND THAT THEY OBTAINED SOME OF THE DISC FRAGMENTS. CRISMAN AND DAHL ARE PARTNERS IN A LUMBER BUSINESS AT TACOMA, WAHINGTON.

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CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN ON THURSDAY, JULY [redacted] THIRTYFIRST LAST INTERVIEWED DAHL, CRISMAN, KENNETH ARNOLD, FROM BOISE, IDAHO, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST THAT REPORTED SEENING FLYING DISCS AND EMIL H. SMITH, UNITED AIRLINES PILOT FROM SEATTLE, WN., WHO ALSO REPORTED SEEING FLYING DISCS. THIS INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE AT THE [redacted] WINTHROP HOTEL ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY [redacted] THIRTYFIRST LAST. CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RETURNING TO HAMILTON FIELD FOR AIRFORCE DAY AND HAD WITH THEM SOME OF THE DISC FRAGMENTS AS REPORTED BY DAHL AND CRISMAN.

[redacted] REPORTER PAUL LANTZ OF TACOMA TIMES, AND UNITED PRESS WIREMAN TED MORELLO OF TACOMA, RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS JULY THIRTYFIRST AND AUGUST FIRST LAST REGARDING THE MEETING AT THE WINTHROP HOTEL OMER THE DISCS FRAGMENTS AND THAT THE B- TWENTYFIVE WHICH CRASHED THE MORNING OF [redacted] AUGUST ONE WAS [redacted] SABOTAGED OR SHOT DOWN. INFORMATION AS YET NOT VERIFIED INDICATED THE ENTIRE STORY STARTED BY DAHL AND CRISMAN POSSIBLY TO PROMOTE SALE OF SLAG FOUND IN A GRAVEL PIT ON MAURY ISLAND, WN. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS YET AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO THE TACOMA TIMES AND THE UNITED PRESS, DAHL AND CRISMAN WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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August 14, 1947

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, Seattle

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Transmit the following message to:

REURTEL AUGUST TWELVE. IT IS NOTED FROM INTERROGATION OF EMIL SMITH, SMITH CLAIMS THAT DURING THE CONFERENCE ON JULY THIRTY ONE THAT DAHL AND CHRISMAN APPARENTLY REPEATED THEIR FALSE STORY ABOUT THE MATERIAL BEING FRAGMENTS OF A FLYING DISC AND ONLY ON SATURDAY NIGHT AUGUST SECOND DID DAHL ADMIT THAT THE STORY WAS A HOAX. IF SUCH IS THE CASE IT WOULD APPEAR EITHER SMITH OR ARNOLD MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION AT THAT TIME THAT THE MATERIAL FURNISHED TO CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN WAS ACTUALLY PARTS OF A FLYING DISC. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR THAT DAHL AND CHRISMAN DID NOT ADMIT THE HOAX TO THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS BECAUSE IF THEY HAD DONE SO THE OFFICERS PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN THE ALLEGED FRAGMENTS WITH THEM ON THEIR FATAL FLIGHT. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CLEARED UP UPON REINTERVIEW WITH DAHL AND CHRISMAN. WHEN THIS POINT CLARIFIED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION NECESSARY.

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs —

I was wondering whether these rockets in which the young students are sending mail or messages from California to Arizona would have any connection with the so called "Flying Saucer" FLYING SAUCERS

MRS ARTHUR DOUGLASS ANDERSON

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Mrs. Arthur Douglass Anderson
16 Medbury Road
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August 1, 1947

Mrs. Arthur Douglass Anderson
16 Medbury Road
Springhaven, Chester, Pennsylvania

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EX-34

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 1947.

After a careful review of the contents of this letter it was ascertained that the information contained therein would probably be of interest to the War Department, therefore, I have taken the liberty of furnishing this information to that agency.

Your interest in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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cc - Philadelphia

(There is no identifiable information in the Bureau files concerning the writer of this letter.)

This letter referred to "flying saucers."

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Gentlemen - Flying Disc

Enclosed you have a clipping which speaks for itself. I had nothing better to do so I tried to decode it for a joke. I

My decoding is correct — joke — clean dead ones

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Tired of human nonsense
Don't await Atomic war.
Disrupting order solar?
system & so sent flying
discs and will set up
world order under —
late this year.

Please advise

Very sincerely
Mildred Sarbanis

ADDRESS

MRS. A. G. SARBANIS
66 NOTRE DAME AVE.
HICKSVILLE. L.I. N.Y.
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Mr. Winter

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COUNTY IRRITANT

from our Mail Box

Calling for Decoders

Bellmore—About nine at night on July 4th I received the following shortwave message in code, origin unknown. I kept listening, and about an hour later the message was repeated letter for letter. I can't figure out what it means, but here it is:

DITER FO NUHMA SOESNENN TWON LATWA MOTCIA WRA RUSPIDGNIT DREOR LASOR STEYMS SO STEN YLFNIG SKIDS DAN WLIL EST UP WLORD DREOR NERUD TIRMANAS TEAL HIST ARYE.

—Radio Ham.

(Neither can we, but we hope it's legal.—Ed.)

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July 21, 1947

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Mrs. A. G. Sarbanis
66 Notre Dame Avenue
Hicksville, Long Island, New York

EX-67

Dear Mrs. Sarbanis:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and enclosure dated July 10, 1947.

I have instructed the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office to have a Special Agent call upon you for the purpose of obtaining further information in connection with this matter.

Your interest in calling this information to my attention is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York (With incoming. There is no identifiable information in the files of the Bureau concerning the writer of this letter. The decoding of the message on the newspaper clipping was referred to the Laboratory, who subsequently advised that the writer's decoding was substantially correct. There is being set forth below the results of the Laboratory's decoding:

"TIRED OF HUMAN NONSENSE WONT AWAIT ATOMIC WAR DISRUPTING ORDER SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD ORDER UNDER MARTIANS LATE THIS YEAR".

The New York Office should interview the writer of this letter to ascertain from what newspaper the clipping in question was obtained. Thereafter, contact should be made with this newspaper to ascertain the identity of the person who sent in the coded message. This individual must be thoroughly interrogated to obtain all possible information surrounding the alleged receipt of the coded message. The Bureau should be promptly advised of the results of these inquiries.)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: August 15, 1947

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:

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The Director advised on August 14, 1947, that the Los Angeles papers were carrying headlines indicating that Soviet espionage agents had been instructed to determine the facts relative to the flying discs. The article carried a Washington date line and indicated that Red espionage agents had been ordered to solve the question of the flying discs, the Russians being of the opinion that this might be some new form of defense prefected by the American Military. The article further recalled that during the recent war pieces of tin foil had been dropped in the air for the purpose of off setting the value of radar being used by the enemy forces and that these aluminum discs might be a new development along this line. The Director inquired as to whether the Bureau had any such information.

I informed him that I had never heard of any information indicating that Soviet espionage agents had been instructed to obtain such information.

A check with the officials at G-2, ONI and at the Air Corps Intelligence was made and it was found that they had no information relative to such a story.

In accordance with the Director's instructions, I advised Mr. Nichols that in the event any inquiries were made concerning such a story, that the story should be flatly denied in so far as the FBI was concerned.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: August 18, 1947

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
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Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with the Director on Wednesday of last week, at which time the Director advised that Los Angeles papers carried under a Washington date line an article indicating the Soviet espionage agents in the United States are under instruction to solve the flying discs. Such instructions were believed to be based on the assumption that the flying discs were a secret weapon of the Army or Navy. The article attributed the source of its information to a Federal investigative agency.

Pursuant to your instructions, liaison representatives have contacted the Headquarters of Military Intelligence, the Headquarters of the Air Forces Intelligence, Office of Naval Intelligence and CIG. All agencies denied any knowledge of the flying discs, as well as any knowledge of the basis for this article.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: August 11, 1947

FROM : Mr. J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
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There are attached two copies of a blind memorandum setting forth the facts relative to the reported air crash of two AAF officers investigating flying disc complaints.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a copy of this memorandum be furnished by the Liaison Section to the Air Force Intelligence.

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Attachments to G. G. Jackson 8/13/47

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : BUREAU

DATE: 8-23-47

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

The following investigation was conducted at Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, Oregon on August 12, 1947.

RAY VIRGIL HATFIELD, Route 1, Box 195, Roseburg, Oregon, operator of the Tri City Airport, Myrtle Creek, Oregon, advised that on 8-6-47 at approximately 6:15 PM while instructing a student in a take off at the airport, he noticed an object east of Myrtle Creek which appeared to be from 5,000 to 8,000 feet in the air. The sky was completely clear and visibility was excellent. He stated that the object glistened and appeared to be of aluminium sheeting. Upon noticing it he had immediately taken over the controls of the plane which at that time was at 400 feet, and proceeded East in an attempt to further observe the object. He advised that the object appeared to be climbing and traveling East at a high rate of speed which he estimated on a computer in his plane as 1,000 miles per hour. He believed the object to be spherical in shape and recalled noticing a darker object to the right the first time he saw it. He observed no vapor trails nor did he hear any noise from the object. After searching the area for approximately 10 minutes HATFIELD and his student NOBLE ELLISON returned to the airport and made another landing and take off. In practically the same position at 400 feet altitude, both ELLISON and HATFIELD saw the object in approximately the same position as seen before. He estimated the sphere to be 30 feet in diameter and stated when they first observed it it appeared to be so near he could fly right to it. However, the object sighted the second time disappeared in the same manner as the first had.

It is noted that HATFIELD served as a Lieutenant JG in the U. S. Naval Air Corps for about 3½ years, flying constantly on the Atlantic submarine patrol. He is a reputable citizen in Douglas County and is reported to be a qualified pilot.

Mr. NOBLE ELLISON, Myrtle Creek, Oregon, verified the above information as furnished by HATFIELD, stating that the first object sighted had been called to his attention when HATFIELD took over the controls of the plane at about 400 feet following his take off, but that they had both sighted the object on the second take off at the same time. ELLISON described the object as a "silver ball or balloon" which he believed to be 8 miles east of Myrtle Creek, traveling East, and climbing very fast until it disappeared in approximately 45 seconds. ELLISON estimated the sphere as being 50 feet in diameter and stated in his opinion the second object appeared to climb straight up.

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He advised that he did not observe any evidence of motion such as vapot or trails, etc. and could hear no noise over the noise of his own ship.

Investigation in the vicinity of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, has failed to reveal any other person sighting the objects reported by HATFIELD and ELLISON. No further investigation is being conducted.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

FLYING DISCS. BETWEEN NINE THIRTY AND NINE FORTY FIVE PM LAST NIGHT, AUGUST NIMETEENTH, MR. AND MRS. H. H. HEDSTROM, THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, WHILE SITTING ON THE FRONT PORCH WITH MRS. HENRY SCHULTZ, OBSERVED AN OBJECT RESEMBLING A FLYING SAUCER TRAVELING VERY RAPIDLY FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO THE NORTHEAST SECTION OF THIS CITY. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER, ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW TEN SIMILAR OBJECTS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN THE SAME DIRECTION IN THE FORM OF A TRIANGLE. AS THIS GROUP OF OBJECTS WAS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR IN THE OVERCAST SKY, THREE OF THE OBJECTS ON THE LEFT FLANK PEELED OFF AND PROCEEDED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. THE REMAINING OBJECTS IN THE TRIANGULAR FORMATION APPEARED TO CLOSE RANKS AND CONTINUE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW ANOTHER ~~GROUPMX~~ GROUP OF THREE OBJECTS PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AGAIN IN THE SHAPE OF A TRIANGLE. THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER INFORMANTS OBSERVED ANOTHER GROUP CONSISTING OF FROM FIVE TO SIX OBJECTS, AGAIN IN TRIANGULR FORMATION, PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. A FEW MINUTES LATER A LARGE GROUP OF OBJECTS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN THIRTY FIVE AND FIFTY FLEW OVER THE CITY IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, AGAIN IN

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TRIANGULAR FORMATION. BETWEEN TWENTY AND TWENTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE LAST GROUP WAS OBSERVED, SIMILAR OBJECTS WERE NOTED COMING BACK OVER THE CITY VERY RAPIDLY AND PROCEEDING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. AT THIS TIME INFORMANTS STATED THE OBJECTS APPEARED IN GROUPS OF THREE, FIVE AND SEVEN. AT THIS POINT MRS. HEDSTROM CALLED DETECTIVE RICHARD FRAZIER OF THE TWIN FALLS PD, A NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, WHO ACCOMPANIED BY M. E. ROUNDTREE AND RICHARD SCOTT, ALSO MEMBERS OF THE TWIN FALLS PD, PROCEEDED TO THE HEDSTROM HOME WHERE THEY OBSERVED A GROUP OF TWELVE OBJECTS FLYING IN FORMATION OVER THE CITY IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. INFORMANTS, ALL REPUTABLE CITIZENS THIS COMMUNITY, UNABLE TO ESTIMATE HEIGHT OF OBJECTS OR SPEED, BUT CLAIMED THEY RESEMBLED ILLUMINATED FLYING SAUCERS. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THE OBJECTS OBSERVED WERE NOT THE LANDING LIGHTS OF AIRPLANES NOR SHOOTING STARS. NONE OF THESE OBJECTS WERE SEEN TO COME TO EARTH NEAR TWIN FALLS AND NONE APPEARED TO BE FLYING IN AN ARC. NONE OF THESE OBSERVERS HEARD ANY SOUND AS THE ABOVE OBJECTS PASSED OVER THE CITY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN LINE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED BUREAU BULLETIN NO. FORTY TWO, PARAGRAPH B, DATED JULY THIRTY LAST. IN EVENT BUREAU IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL ACTIVITIES ON

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PART OF ARMY AIR FORCES WHICH MAY EXPLAIN THESE PHENOMENA, ADVICE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IT IS BELIEVED CONTINUED APPEARANCE OF SUCH OBJECTS WITHOUT OFFICIAL EXPLANATION MAY RESULT IN HYSTERIA OR PANIC TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.

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SAC BUTTE

FLYING DISCS. EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES AT ARMY AIR FORCES REVEAL THAT NO RESEARCH OR EXPERIMENTS WERE BEING CONDUCTED BY AAF IN THE VICINITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO ON OR ABOUT AUGUST NINETEEN. IN THE EVENT YOUR SOURCES IN THE ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCES INDICATE OTHERWISE ADVISE BUREAU PROMPTLY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: August 22, 1947

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Reference is made the teletype from the Butte Field Division dated August 20, 1947, in the above captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, this matter was checked with Army Air Forces. Lieutenant Colonel George D. Garrett, Jr., advised Special Agent F. P. Griffee that extensive inquiries with the Army Air Forces revealed that no research or experiments were being conducted by the AAF in the vicinity of Twin Falls, Idaho on or about August 19, 1947. Colonel Garrett stated that he had no information which would throw any light on the matter reported in the teletype.

R.G. Fletcher

ACTION

It is suggested this memorandum be routed to the Internal Security Section to the attention of Supervisor Fletcher.

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AUGUST 30, 1947 URGENT

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SACS SAN FRANCISCO AND PHOENIX

REPORT OF FLYING DISCS. RE SANF MEMO AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT LAST CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM RHODES, PHOENIX, ARIZONA. SANF ADVISE A-TWO AIR FORCE NOT NECESSARY FOR FUGATE TO PROCEED TO PHOENIX, THAT BUREAU WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW IF DESIRED, BUT JOINT INVESTIGATION NOT DEEMED NECESSARY. IF FUGATE PROCEEDS PHOENIX IN SPITE OF ABOVE, ADVISE HIM YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT JOINT INVESTIGATION AND NOT POSSIBLE FOR FUGATE TO SIT IN ON INTERVIEW WITH RHODES.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director

DATE: September 5, 1947

FROM : SAC, Portland

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

Reference is made to my teletype dated August 15, 1947 advising that a Mr. JOHN BARTLETT of Agate Beach, Oregon had reported on August 7, 1947 that he sighted what he believed to be a disc. Mr. JOHN BARTL, instead of BARTLETT, now residing in Newport, Oregon was interviewed by Special Agent ROBERT J. PETTYJOHN. Mr. BARTL stated that on August 7, 1947 he was residing at Agate Beach, Oregon and that his house was very near the ocean beach; that at about 12:30 A. M. he was awakened by his son coming in and that while awake he noticed a bright glow of light across the sky out over the ocean. He stated that he immediately thought of flying discs and thought this might be one of the discs.

Mr. BARTL went on to say that he had no idea as to the shape or size of this object but that it appeared to be about five miles out over the ocean and that he was able to see it for about 15 to 30 seconds. He further stated that due to the darkness he could tell nothing about the speed of this object but thought it was traveling a great deal faster than any airplane he had ever seen. He informed that this glow of light was somewhat similar to "The Northern Light" which sometimes appears in the sky but of course not nearly as large and that it appeared to be going up and down, that is fluctuating in altitude as it traveled along. He stated it disappeared in the west, either falling into the ocean or disappearing over the horizon. He could give no other information concerning this object of light reported by him as possibly being a flying disc. Mr. BARTL has an Agate and Myrtlewood shop in Newport.

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September 2, 1947

Mrs. W. T. Williams
417 East Stevenson Street
Florence, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williams:

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Your letter of August 18, 1947, has been received, and I am most appreciative of the thoughtfulness which prompted you to communicate with me. For your information, no reward has been offered by any U. S. Government Agency for the location of "flying saucers." I regret that I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:
F.B.I. Washington. D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hardly know how to go about trying to tell you what I want you to know. But just in my own simple way I'll do the best I can. I know you are a very busy man altho I hope you will take time to read my letter and I'll try to make a long story short.

Mr. Hoover almost five weeks ago, what we all call a "Flying Saucer" fell in my front yard a distance of five or six feet from where I was standing. I saw it coming straight down out of the skies. It came down at a terrific speed and exploded. I turned the pieces over to Chief Noah Manley of

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Mr. Hoover I don't know
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that fell in my yard
you probably know all
about it. But I did what
I thought was right. I
called the police at once and
turned it over to them.
Then in three or four days
later a neighbor and I found
more of it in some tall grass
nearby and I also carried it
to the police station.
If there is a reward Mr.
Hoover I know you are
the one to see that I
get it. Will you help
me please.
Very truly yours.
Mrs. W. H. Williams.
417-E. Stevenson. St.
Florence. Ala.

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the Florence Police for which
he said he turned over
to the F. B. I. In Washington
I haven't heard any more
from the "Flying Saucer".
I do know I have heard
over the air many times
that a reward was being
offered for any one finding
a Flying Saucer. I also
read it in the Birmingham News.
We have all heard of
the Flying Saucer and great
numbers have seen them
But the Police have told
me so far I am the only
one that has ever gained
Custody of one. And I know
if it had of struck a person
in the head it probably
would have killed or
injured them seriously

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 20, 1947

FROM : SAC, Springfield

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947 re the above.

For the Bureau's information a Mrs. JUNE ANDERSON of Saybrook, Illinois reported to this office the finding of a flying disc in her front yard at 6:00 A.M. on July 26, 1947.

It appears from investigation conducted by an Agent of this office that the stability of JUNE ANDERSON is questionable. However the alleged flying disc was obtained and it is apparently the concoction of some of the juveniles in the area. It is an old wooden platter, which has assembled on it a silver plate, a spark plug, a timer, and some old brass tubing. Photographs were taken of the same and there are six views enclosed herewith.

No doubt this was someone's idea of a prank.

The disc is presently being retained by the Springfield Office and will be retained pending receipt of Bureau advice relative to its destruction. The thought in retaining it was that perhaps the Bureau might desire to have it transmitted to Washington for any novel value it might have.

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Photographs of "Flying Disc" found
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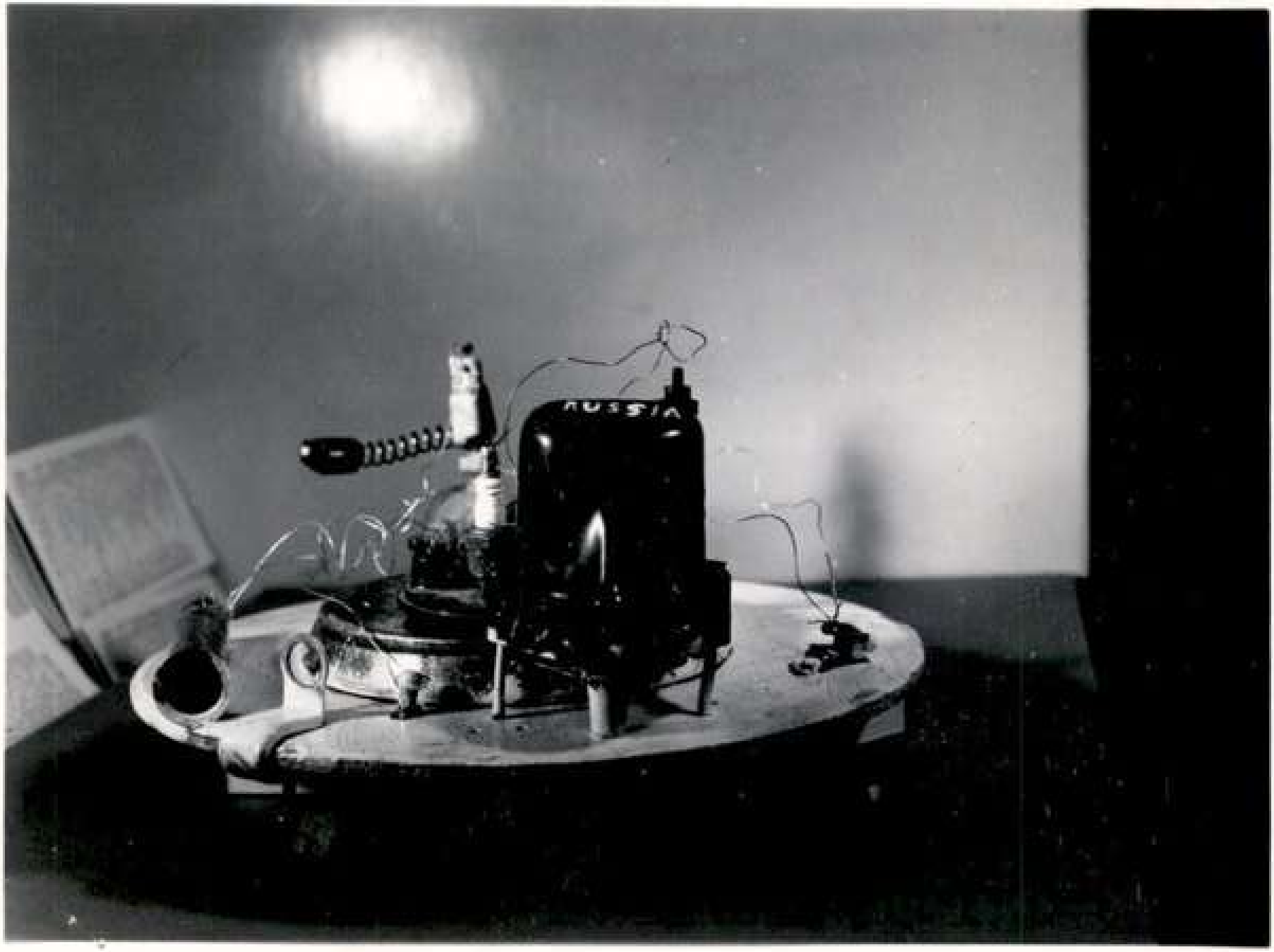
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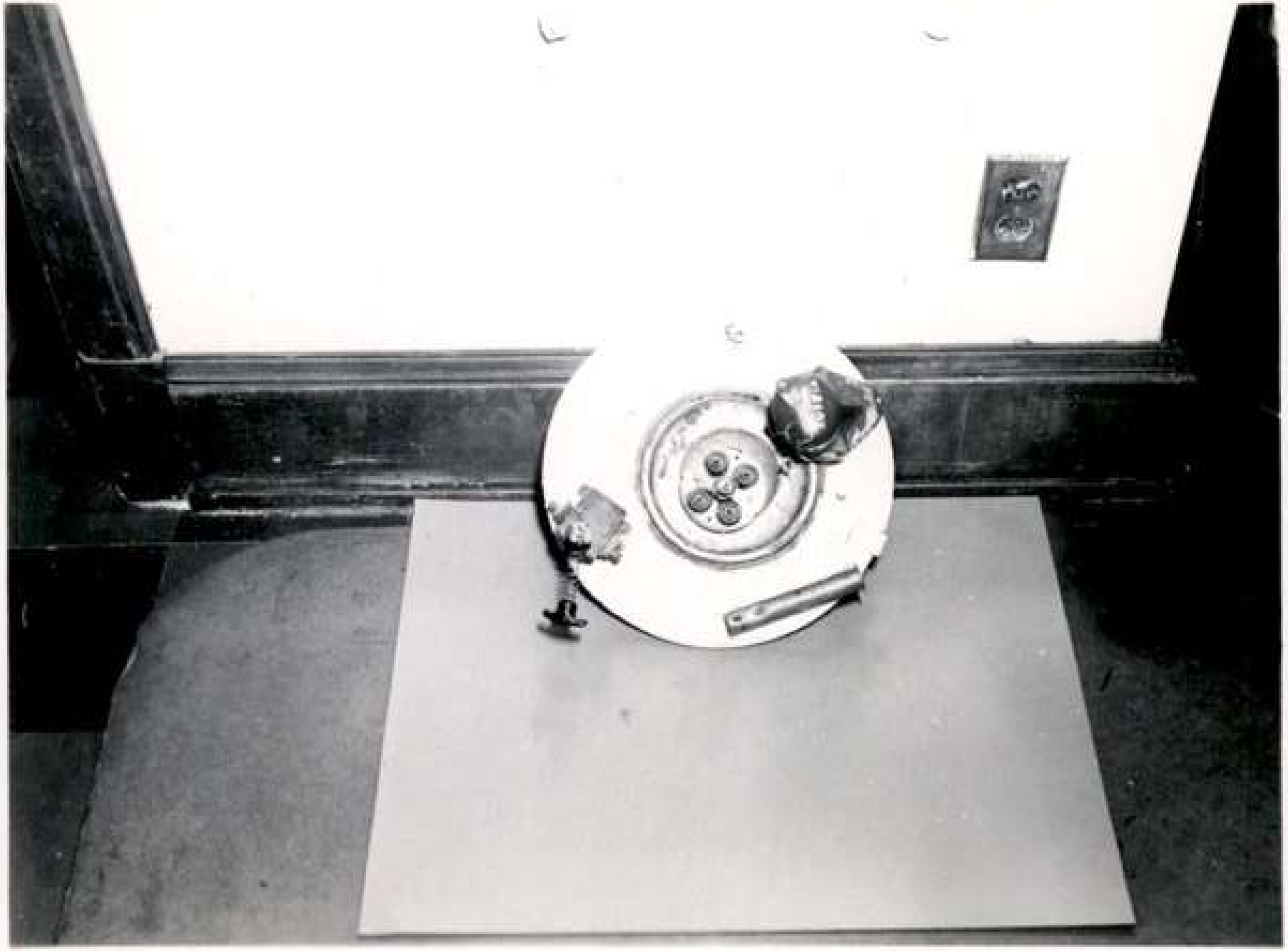

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SAC, Springfield

September 5, 1947

Director, FBI

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With reference to your letter, dated August 20, 1947, it is desired that you contact the appropriate Army officials and in the event they are not interested in receiving this alleged flying disc, it may be destroyed.

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DIRECTOR U R G E N T

RE FLYING DISCS. A MRS. RAYMOND ~~DUPUI~~, OSWEGO, OREGON, REPORTED TO HAVE SEEN TWELVE TO FIFTEEN ROUND SILVER OBJECTS AT A HIGH ALTITUDE AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, SEPT. THIRD, FORTYSEVEN, ABOVE OSWEGO, OREGON, WHILE WATCHING A LOCAL PLANE FLYING OVERHEAD. WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR DATE: 9-13-47

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

Reference is made to my teletype dated 9-4-47, advising that Mrs. RAYMOND DUPUIS, Oswego, Oregon, was reported to have seen a number of discs on 9-3-47 above Oswego.

Mrs. DUPUIS was interviewed and described the object which she has observed as follows:

While entertaining her 7 year old son and 10 year old neighbor child on her lawn, at about noon, Mrs. DUPUIS and the children noticed approximately two dozen round silver objects high in the sky. Mrs. DUPUIS stated she believed these objects to have been platter shaped rather than spherical and to have been considerably larger than an airplane of the cub type which was flying in a different portion of the sky at the same time. She advised that these objects appeared to her to be at a great distance and constructed of some white metallic material.

Mrs. DUPUIS' attention was first drawn to the objects by an explanation from one of the children to the effect that the airplane was sky-writing. The objects were grouped in approximately an arc about level with the sun and to the left of the sun as viewed by Mrs. DUPUIS. They did not change positions during the 3 or 4 minutes which she observed them but some of the larger of the objects appeared to rotate rapidly in the manner of a wheel. One of the objects was separated by considerable distance from the main group and while she was watching Mrs. DUPUIS states this object began to fall and floated slowly downward until it was no longer visable because of trees on the horizon.

Mrs. DUPUIS advised that she continued to observe the remaining objects until her eyes began to be affected by the brightness of the sky whereupon she went into her house and is unable to state what became of the group.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: September 8, 1947

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you in the above captioned matter dated August 22, 1947, which indicates that Special Agent Griffee of the Liaison Section had contacted Lieutenant Colonel G. D. Garrett, Jr., of the Air Forces Intelligence at which time Colonel Garrett advised that the Army Air Forces were conducting no research or experiments in the vicinity of Twin Falls, Idaho, on or about August 19, 1947. Colonel Garrett at that time indicated to Mr. Griffee that he would check with the Army area in order to ascertain whether or not they were conducting any experiments in this vicinity at that time.

Colonel Garrett has subsequently advised Mr. Reynolds that he has been advised by the Army area that no such experiments were being conducted in the area of Twin Falls, Idaho, on or about August 19, 1947, which would in any way throw any light on the matter reported in the teletype.

Butler advised by wire RSS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Fletcher of the Internal Security Section.

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September 25, 1947

Mr. A. Courtney Parker
Superintendent of Schools
South Royalton, Vermont

Dear Mr. Parker:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 17, 1947. An Agent of our Albany, New York, Office will call upon you in the near future for any additional information in your possession.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this matter to my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Albany (separate cover letter)

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September 25, 1947

Director, FBI

FLYING DISCS
A. Courtney Parker, Informant

Attached hereto are copies of an incoming communication from A. Courtney Parker, Superintendent of Schools, South Royalton, Vermont, and copies of acknowledgment of same.

It is requested that an Agent of your Office call on Mr. Parker to obtain any additional information in his possession concerning flying discs.

Enclosures

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STATE OF VERMONT
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STRAFF
TUNBRI

cor

September 17, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

At 3:40 P.M. to-day I observed a so-called flying saucer. This occurred while I was half way up Rix Ledges north of Lebanon, N. H. As I was intently watching the honey bees circling in a patch of sky after leaving my bee box my attention was called to a floating object that appeared to be as large as a tennis ball and as white as cotton batting. This object approached rapidly and noiselessly from the East and was followed closely by another object that appeared in size and shape like a saucer which maintained a constant angle of inclination to the ball and followed it at a constant distance. The two objects made an angle with my eye of approximately five degrees. They were in my vision for more than a minute when I lost them in the glare of the sun.

Flying Disc

If I had seen this in the night sky with my six inch telescope I would have thought that the planets Venus and Saturn had suddenly gotten together and were traveling at great speed much nearer the earth.

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Ack letter allowing 10/20/47 RG/P

Very truly yours,

A. Courtney Parker
Superintendent of Schools

A.C. PARKER

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September 8, 1947

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The attached was sent to the Director by Walter Winchell.

The notations appearing thereon read:

"Ack & F.B.I."

"Please excuse haste - Trying to make airmail west."

Attachment

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Bureau files fail to reflect any record on a Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant, the writer of the attached letter.

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Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant

Box 263, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Add to FBI!

July 13, 1947

Please excuse haste - trying to make airmail

Mr. Walter Winchell,

% Postmaster,

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

~~The enclosed~~ This letter deals with what are being called "discs."

You are not to mention the contents of this letter over the air, nor to any individual other than officials of the War Dep't., members of the FBI, or an American whose patriotism would rank with your own, and who might donate $10,000 or more for the purpose of my continuing the collection of field data concerning "discs," while time may remain in which to do so.

I have had respectful attention from the following persons: ~~(But no checks, nor expense accounts even.)~~

Col. Herbert C. Gee, Comm. Officer,
Los Alamos Atomic Project,
Los Alamos, N.M.

Maj. Sidney Newburger, Security Official,
Los Alamos Atomic Project,
Los Alamos, N.M.

Mr. Willard Zimmer, Military Intelligence,
P.O. Box 681,
Santa Fe, N.M.

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Francis Finley, Agent-in-Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, (Phone 1366)
Santa Fe, N.M.

Gen. S.R. Brennault,
Ass't. to Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining,
AAF Materiel Command,
Washington, D.C.

Col. Zumwalt,
Ass't to Colonel Bunker, Comm. Off.
Kirtland Field,
Albuquerque, N.M.

Gen. Patrick Hurley, (Former Ambassador to China,)
1210 Shoreham Bld'g. (Also Santa Fe, N.M.)
Washington, D.C.

And through the courtesy of Gen. Patrick Hurley, a letter from Sec. of War Robert Patterson, War Dep't, Washington, D.C

All were highly interested, appreciative, with the general trend of contacts being, "This is fine. Go right ahead."

My point in writing you is to raise some money to proceed with. No budgets seemed to allow for the unexpected, elusive "discs."

Sen. Carl Hatch, D-N.M., U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. has been contacted by mail for an appropriation, but even if this only requires one more week, it may be too late.

You may contact any of the above listed persons to verify my contacts (excuse repetition word contact) during the past four months. In other words, I began reporting directly to Dr. Norris Bradbury, Scientific Head of Los Alamos, and Colonel Gee, et al, some time ago that this type aerial "disc" was a reality.

This material was considered confidential, and still is.

I have been asked by Colonel Gee not to speak any further than material which has been published in the press. And I have chosen simply not to speak at all, except to a source which I consider might further my own work.

If you ask of the above persons, to ascertain whether or not I have made serious, materially valuable contributions, which may indicate much scientifically..... and which, if action can be continued soon enough, may a little later save our nation much.... please make inquiries quietly, and as promptly as convenient.

I must ask you not to speculate, even to yourself... but simply to act.

Do not mention in any manner, until release by the War Dep't, even the receipt of this letter, except to the above persons, or proper government officials there. Or, to one whom you know will make a donation.

Perhaps your savest bet would be simply to telephone the FBI there, and let them telephone Francis Finley here for verification.

I promise you an exclusive, behind the scenes story when, and if, the War Dep't releases the material nationally. Meantime, your action now may save your own life, and that of others who may have wondered what a "disc" is.

Rest assured I have all the proper scientific and governmental contacts needed..... all I need is the wherewithall. I have the proper background to discuss the subject, secure the further field

data I now need, explain it technically, and secure proper action, provided I am given the means to do so.

I regret that I cannot be more specific now, but duty to country rests above.

I have met before with the mental reaction, "What? A woman handling this type material? " And my signature below will probably evoke the same response from you. So I assure you, yes, it is a woman who is coming in with the information which men have gone out to seek. And doing the proper thing about it.

Most respectfully,

Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant

Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant

cc/

P.S. Am a former newspaper person, and very proud of it. Am 39, but dress and feel some younger.

Again, I must ask you not to mention even the town from which this letter comes, as you may be endangering lives to so so. Simply ascertain my contributions, get some money to me, and wait. (Francis Finley ~~himself~~ would give me a gas budget, if he were not so close himself.)

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Sept 14 47

Estill S. King

To B. I.

Dear Sir

I approach you I know I
picked up this
after flying
saucer flying
around yesterday
from Roswell
I decided to
you experts
could
find
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what it
is I think
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FLYING SAUCERS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo

DATE: August 28, 1947

FROM : T. F. Baughman

SUBJECT: Letter and material received from
Mrs. J. H. Mixon
Estill, South Carolina
Route 1, Box 30

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
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Miss Seahm
Miss Gandy

The attached letter dated August 14, 1947 from Mrs. Mixon together with the material which she reports to be part of a flying saucer was received in the Laboratory on August 19, 1947. The material which was submitted with Mrs. Mixon's letter has been identified as powdered soap stones.

Inasmuch as the Investigative and Security Divisions might possibly be interested in this matter, I request that you advise me as to the final disposition of the submitted material as well as the type of reply which should be made to Mrs. Mixon's letter.

JWM:PVH

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TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: September 4, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCER

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Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Baughman to Mr. Harbo, dated August 28, 1947, requesting advice as to the final disposition of material submitted by Mrs. J. H. Mixon, Estill, South Carolina. It is noted that this material, which Mrs. Mixon reported to be a part of a flying saucer, has been identified as powdered soap stones.

It is recommended that the material be returned to Mrs. Mixon along with a letter advising that such has been identified as powdered soap stones.

Harbo
T. H. Baughman

Letter 9-11-47 J.W. McMahon

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 4, 1947

FROM : SAC, Phoenix

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD

Reference is made to San Francisco letter dated August 28, 1947, and to Bureau teletype to Phoenix dated August 30, 1947.

With reference to the above matter, I desire to point out that the letter of reference from San Francisco did not reach Phoenix until September 2, 1947.

On August 29, 1947, a Mr. GEORGE FUGATE, JR. called at the Phoenix office and exhibited credentials reflecting that he is a representative of A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He also exhibited orders emanating from the office of Colonel DONALD SPRINGER, A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, instructing him to proceed to Phoenix immediately and contact the FBI office, at which time a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be designated to accompany him to interview WILLIAM RHODES, who had previously reported the photographing of a flying disc. The orders further indicated that the San Francisco office of the FBI was transmitting further information relating to Mr. FUGATE'S mission.

ASAC HEBER M. CLEGG telephonically communicated with SAC HARRY KIMBALL of the San Francisco office and Mr. KIMBALL verified the above information and stated that a letter had been directed to the Phoenix office suggesting that the Phoenix office assist any representative who called from A-2 in the interrogation of RHODES. SAC KIMBALL stated that in connection with flying discs, he had maintained close contact with Colonel SPRINGER and that close cooperation existed. He further advised that many reports of flying discs had been received at San Francisco and that a full discussion concerning the results of inquiries had been held with Colonel SPRINGER.

In connection with flying disc investigations, Mr. KIMBALL advised he had maintained close touch with the Bureau and had apparently handled these matters in accordance with Bureau policy.

In view of the above, Special Agent J. BAILEY BROWER of the Phoenix office was permitted to work with Mr. FUGATE in the interview of WILLIAM ALBERT RHODES. The results of the inquiry are set out hereunder.

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WILLIAM ALBERT RHODES, 4333 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, owns and maintains the Panoramic Research Laboratory and Hobby Shop at this address, and he related the following as occurring on the afternoon of July 7, 1947:

A storm had occurred in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947, and the clouds were at approximately 5000 feet, the color of which was grey and they resembled dense cumulus. A fifteen mile per hour wind was blowing. At approximately 5 p.m. on that date, Mr. RHODES was walking from his home to the Hobby Shop and he heard a noise resembling a P-80 aircraft, apparently coming in a westerly direction. Upon searching the skies he observed to the northeast what appeared to be an odd shaped ship. He described this ship as being possibly 20 to 30 feet in diameter, traveling at an estimated speed of 100 miles per hour. It appeared to be making a spiral in a small radius of possibly one-half to three quarters of a mile. RHODES stated the sound which he first heard was no longer audible; that he hurriedly procured a 120 Brownie Box Camera from his shop, and as the aircraft completed the first circle he obtained a photograph. As the ship started on the second turn, it was in a northwesterly direction from his place and he again snapped a photograph, which more closely resembled the shape of the ship than photograph #1, this being designated as Exhibit II, as submitted to the Bureau with letter dated August 4, 1947, by the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff A-2 Intelligence, Hamilton Field, California. RHODES further described the direction of the ship by stating that instead of completing the lefthand downward spiral the ship banked to the right and disappeared into the clouds. He stated that just as it banked, he had snapped the second photograph, Exhibit II.

At the last point, which was at the time the ship made this turn, Mr. RHODES estimated it to be between 1,000 and 2,000 feet high. He further described the appearance of this ship as closely resembling a picture which appeared on the front cover of the May, 1947, issue of the Mechanics Illustrated Magazine, the only difference noted by Mr. RHODES being that the ship appeared to be flying backward.

Mr. RHODES also related that he did not associate the appearance of this ship with the numerous reports of flying discs. He related, however, that after a three minute interview with newspaper reporters the story that appeared in the local papers was "blown up" to the extent that he, RHODES, barely recognized the information furnished by him. Mr. RHODES explained that the aforementioned dimensions and distances were only estimated, pointing out, that his previous experience probably assisted him in making fairly close estimates. He related that he had been doing experimental work for the past ten years. He also stated he was employed at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Washington, D. C. during the early part of World War II and left there the beginning of 1942. Upon his return to Phoenix, he was employed at Falcon Field near Phoenix which was leased by the British Government for training purposes. He instructed in instrument training, aircraft identification and gunnery practice. He explained that his hobbies have to do with science, physics, radio, electronics and astronomy. He produced a model which he had made of a radio controlled airplane. He related that most of his work consists of building transformers, but it is also necessary for him to depend upon his music ability for his livlihood.

In explaining the results of photographing the ship, Mr. RHODES stated that he was surprised that the object appeared dark on a light background; that he fully expected that the object would be light on a dark background. He described the light spot which appears in the center of the object (Exhibit II) as being a green house. RHODES insisted that the ship made no noise that was audible to his ear and he was unable to detect the presence of any propeller. He also related that after the newspaper release over Radio Station KTAR, wherein statements were made that he, RHODES, had stated Army officials were studying the photographs, and that it was a top secret, he attempted to determine the source of this release and the Radio station finally told him that it was a United Press release from Washington, D. C.

The following description of RHODES was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Age	30
Date birth	12-29-16
Place birth	Garden City, Kansas
Height	6' 3"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Education	Phoenix Union High School
Marital status	Married- one son

It should be stated that at the time of interview with RHODES, Mr. BROWER identified himself as an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and exhibited his credentials. However, pursuant to a request from Mr. FUGATE, he was introduced only as a representative of the United States government. His exact official connection was not made known to Mr. RHODES. Agent BROWER advised that he felt it was a peculiar procedure, but it was not his business. However, at the conclusion of the interview, Mr. FUGATE requested Mr. RHODES to furnish him with the negatives and RHODES stated he would be glad to do so, but they were not in his immediate possession, and he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning. Mr. RHODES requested that the negatives be returned to him. Agent BROWER states that to this request, Mr. FUGATE made no reply. Agent BROWER states that after leaving Mr. RHODES he asked FUGATE if the negatives would be returned to Mr. RHODES and FUGATE stated that he doubted very much that they would be returned. Mr. BROWER then advised Mr. FUGATE that before he, BROWER, would accept these negatives that RHODES must be advised of Mr. FUGATE'S identity and also advised that the negatives, if turned over to Mr. FUGATE, would not be returned to him.

In view of which, on the morning on August 30, 1947, when Mr. RHODES called at the Phoenix office to deliver the negatives, they were accepted only after he was advised that they were being given to Mr. FUGATE, a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. RHODES turned the negatives over to this office with the full understanding that they were being given to the Army and that he would not get them back.

The Phoenix office did not receive the Bureau teletype of reference instructing that no joint investigation should be conducted until after the matter had been handled.

Inasmuch as military authorities have complete knowledge of the results of the interview with Mr. RHODES no copy of this report is being designated for A-2.

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cc-San Francisco

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FLYING DISCS. LEON V. JENKINS, CHIEF OF POLICE, PORTLAND, STATES HE OBSERVED AT ABOUT FIVE FIFTEEN PM ELEVENTH INSTANT, AN OBJECT SIMILAR IN SIZE TO A WEATHER BALLOON, WHICH APPEARED TO BE MADE OF ALUMINUM OR SOME OTHER BRIGHT METAL, TRAVELING RAPIDLY NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST OVER PORTLAND AT AN ESTIMATED TEN THOUSAND FEET. OBJECT VEERED TO SOUTH AND DISAPPEARAD IN THE DISTANCE IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE. ALSO OBSERVED BY PATROLMAN H. S. RANEY, DRIVER OF JENKINS CAR, AND POSSIBLY BY OTHER PORTLAND POLICE OFFICERS. SMALL ARTICLE APPEARED IN PORTLAND NEWSPAPER, THE OREGONIAN, CONCERNING THIS ON TWELFTH INSTANT. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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DIRECTOR U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS. MRS. G. H. STOCKTON, ONE SIX NINE A VIEW AVENUE, OCEAN VIEW, VA., REPORTED SIGHTING FLYING DISC AT SHOUNS, TENN., SEPTEMBER SIXTH, LAST. SON-IN-LAW, HUGH JENNINGS, ONE ONE ONE BELLGRAVE, ~~EXX~~ OCEAN ~~VEWXX EXX~~ VIEW, CONFIRMS SIGHTING OF THIS OBJECT WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING SHAPED LIKE FOOTBALL, MOVING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AT CONSTANT ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND FEET, AND TURNING END OVER END IN THE AIR. RATE OF SPEED COMPARABLE TO CUB PLANE. JENNINGS STATES ~~OBTXX~~ OBJECT VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AGAINST OVERCAST SKY. NO DETAILS DISCERNIBLE. JENNINGS ~~OXX~~ DOES NOT BELIEVE OBJECT WAS DISC BUT THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LOOSE ~~METEROXX~~ METEOROLOGICAL BALLOON. RUC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFBIR-CO

5 SEP 1947

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Liaison Section

In answer to a verbal request of your Mr. S. W. Reynolds, a complete survey of research activities discloses that the Army Air Forces has no project with the characteristics similar to those which have been associated with the Flying Discs.

Yours sincerely,

Geo F Schulgen

GEO. F. SCHULGEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Deputy, Ass't. Chief of Air Staff-2

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ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 9/16/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Special Agent S. W. Reynolds of the Liaison Section has discussed with Lieutenant Colonel George Garrett of the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces the possibility that the flying discs or saucers are in fact a project of the Army Air Forces. It should be noted that Colonel Garrett agreed with this possibility. At that time Mr. Reynolds pointed out to Colonel Garrett the possible embarrassing position of the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces if it was subsequently ascertained that this was the truth, especially since they had requested the assistance of the Bureau in the captioned matter.

Colonel Garrett advised Mr. Reynolds that he would institute a further search, and he has now advised that a letter was addressed by Major General McDonald, Director of the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces, to the Research and Development Section of the Air Forces.

There is attached hereto a letter addressed to the Director, dated September 5, 1947, from Brigadier General George F. Schulgen, which states that a complete survey of research activities discloses that the Army Air Forces have no project with characteristics similar to those which have been associated with the flying discs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security Section for their information.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-17-47

FROM : SAC, Portland

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS
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Refer San Francisco letter dated September 4, 1947.

FRED M. JOHNSON, Globe Hotel, 106 NW. First Avenue, Portland, reported without consulting any records that on June 24, 1947, while prospecting at a point in the Cascade Mountains approximately five thousand feet from sea level, during the afternoon he noticed a reflection, looked up, and saw a disc proceeding in a southeasterly direction. Immediately upon sighting this object he placed his telescope to his eye and observed the disc for approximately forty-five to sixty seconds. He remarked that it is possible for him to pick up an object at a distance of ten miles with his telescope. At the time the disc was sighted by Mr. JOHNSON it was banking in the sun, and he observed five or six similar objects but only concentrated on one. He related that they did not fly in any particular formation and that he would estimate their height to be about one thousand feet from where he was standing. He said the object was about thirty feet in diameter and appeared to have a tail. It made no noise.

According to JOHNSON he remained in the vicinity of the Cascades for several days and then returned to Portland and noted an article in the local paper which stated in effect that a man in Boise, Idaho, had sighted a similar object but that authorities had disclaimed any knowledge of such an object. He said he communicated with the Army for the sole purpose of attempting to add credence to the story furnished by the man in Boise.

JOHNSON also related that on the occasion of his sighting the objects on June 24, 1947 he had in his possession a combination compass and watch. He noted particularly that immediately before he sighted the disc the compass acted very peculiar, the hand waving from one side to the other, but that this condition corrected itself immediately after the discs had passed out of sight.

Informant appeared to be a very reliable individual who advised that he had been a prospector in the states of Montana, Washington, and Oregon for the past forty years.

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TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : E. G. FITCH

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 19, 1947

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Special Agent S. W. Reynolds of the Liaison Section, while discussing the above captioned phenomena with Lieutenant Colonel Garrett of the Air Forces Intelligence, expressed the possibility that flying discs were, in fact, a very highly classified experiment of the Army or Navy. Mr. Reynolds was very much surprised when Colonel Garrett not only agreed that this was a possibility, but confidentially stated it was his personal opinion that such was a probability. Colonel Garrett indicated confidentially that a Mr. Carroll, who is a scientist attached to the Air Forces Intelligence, was of the same opinion.

Colonel Garrett stated that he based his assumption on the following: He pointed out that when flying objects were reported seen over Sweden, the "high brass" of the War Department exerted tremendous pressure on the Air Forces Intelligence to conduct research and collect information in an effort to identify these sightings. Colonel Garrett stated that, in contrast to this, we have reported sightings of unknown objects over the United States, and the "high brass" appeared to be totally unconcerned. He indicated this led him to believe that they knew enough about these objects to express no concern. Colonel Garrett pointed out further that the objects in question have been seen by many individuals who are what he terms "trained observers," such as airplane pilots. He indicated also that several of the individuals are reliable members of the community. He stated it is his conclusion that these individuals saw something. He stated the above has led him to come to the conclusion that there were objects seen which somebody in the Government knows all about.

Mr. Reynolds pointed out to Colonel Garrett that if it is a fact experimentations are being conducted by the United States Government, then it does not appear reasonable to request the FBI to spend money and precious time conducting inquiries with respect to this matter. Colonel Garrett stated that he agreed with Mr. Reynolds in this regard and indicated that it would be extremely embarrassing to the Air Forces Intelligence if it later is learned that these flying discs are, in fact, an experiment of the United States Government.

Mr. Reynolds subsequently discussed this matter with Colonel L. R. Forney of the Intelligence Division of the War Department. Colonel Forney stated that he had discussed the matter previously with General Chamberlin. Colonel Forney indicated to Mr. Reynolds that he has the assurance of General

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Chamberlin and General Todd that the Army is conducting no experimentations with anything which could possibly be mistaken for a flying disc.

Colonel Garrett of the Air Forces Intelligence subsequently contacted Mr. Reynolds and indicated that he had discussed this matter with General Schulgen of the Army Air Forces. General Schulgen had previously assured both Mr. Reynolds and Colonel Garrett that to the best of his knowledge and information no experiments were being undertaken by the Government which could be mistaken for flying discs. Colonel Garrett indicated to Mr. Reynolds that he had pointed out his beliefs to General Schulgen and had mentioned the possibility of an embarrassing situation arising between the Air Forces Intelligence and the FBI. General Schulgen agreed with Colonel Garrett that a memorandum would be prepared for the signature of General McDonald, A2, to General LeMay, who is in charge of Research and Development in the Air Corps. Colonel Garrett indicated that this memorandum will set forth the characteristics of the objects seen by various reliable individuals. The memorandum will then request General LeMay to indicate whether or not any experiments are being undertaken by the Air Forces which could possibly be connected with any of the observed phenomena. Colonel Garrett stated that when a reply is received from General LeMay, a communication will be addressed to the Bureau.

Mr. Reynolds will follow this matter closely with Colonel Garrett and General Schulgen so that the Bureau will be promptly advised of all information regarding the flying discs, especially any information indicating that they are, in fact, an experiment of some Governmental agency.

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TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 8-8-47

FROM : J. P. COYNE

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS AND FLYING DISCS

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Reference is made to the memorandum to you from the Liaison Section dated July 21, 1947, setting forth a request from Colonel Golbranson of the Intelligence Division of the War Department for the Bureau to conduct investigation to determine the origin of the flying discs.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt that the situation regarding these flying saucers and flying discs is very similar to the situation which was previously encountered by the Bureau during the past war in handling complaints arising out of the sighting of Japanese baloons. You will recall that at the inception of these complaints the Bureau conducted considerable investigation and located numerous baloons as a cooperative measure for the Army and that after considerable work had been done, the Army then informed that these were military weapons and that they would take over the handling of these completely. This they did and in an extremely short time issued a big press release as to the splendid work of the Army in locating these Japanese baloons. From the information available thus far, it does not appear that these discs should be treated other than as a military weapon. Certainly the Bureau has no way to determine what experiments the Army and Navy are conducting and whether such might be arising out of experiments being conducted by them nor do we have any way of determining how far the Russians have progressed in certain experiments and whether such might be the results of experiments by the Russian Army. It short, it would certainly appear that this is a military situation and should be handled strictly by military authorities.

In this connection it might be pointed out that our present Portland case arose out of the fact that two Army Intelligence officers were returning from an interview of two individuals who reportedly had seen flying discs. If the Army Intelligence officers are handling some of these interviews, it is believed that they should be handling all of these interviews, and it is not believed that the Bureau should be expending its precious manpower on these complaints which thus far have no connection with our Russian espionage program. The military authorities certainly are better equipped to know what they are looking for than we are and have more facilities for handling any material which it is necessary to examine as a result of its being reported as a remnant of a flying disc. It is believed that the Bureau is merely playing bird-dog for the Army by using our manpower to run out these complaints on flying discs.

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In view of the recent Bureau Bulletin #42 dated July 30, 1947, however, there is attached a letter to the Chicago Office asking that they conduct the requested investigation.

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Mrs. Joseph H. Ryan
Bieber, California

Dear Mrs. Ryan:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 19, 1947, requesting information concerning the origin of the "Flying Saucer Mystery".

In this connection, you are advised that in view of a long established policy I am unable to furnish the results of investigations by this Bureau to other than Governmental sources. For this reason I regret that I am unable to answer your question, but I appreciate your interest in writing to me in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The F. B. I.
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Dear Sir:-

Recently a little paper was handed to me called. Kingdom Voice - The March ahead of Time Printed in Los Angeles Cal Box 6450 Metropolitan Station office 1204 S. Olive St L.A. This is official publication of the Temple of Jahweh.

Now, there is an article called The Flying Saucer Mystery. It states the the discs are sent by the Russians with the assistance of germans, I guess Churchill + others Sent from the North Pole They are ugly planes flying very high the Pilots are given strong sedatives etc etc.

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Some are Pollacks, and lots of other things which look off color to me. Of course R.A. is a hot bed of Cults etc. For this to be read by the Public is rather startling.

I just ~~that~~ I would ask about this. I do not believe it myself. How could Germany and Japan do anything now they were they are policed and guarded?

Sincerely

Mrs Jos. H. Ryan.

MRS JOSEPH H RYAN

World War Nurse Overseas for three years and member of our local Post A. Legion here.

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FLYING DISKS SIGHTED BY FRED CHRISMAN AND HARLD A DAHL, TACOMA, WN. SM DASH X. REMYTEL AUGUST SIX, LAST CAPTIONED FLYING DISKS. HAROLD A. DAHL AND FRED CHRISMAN, TACOMA, IN SIGNED STATEMENT INSTANT DATE STATE THAT IN EARLY PART OF JUNE, LAST, THEY PICKED UP SOME STRANGE ROCK FORMATIONS FROM A GRAVEL PIT, MAURI ISLAND, WASHINGTON. THEY STATE A CIGAR BOX OF THESE ROCK FORMATIONS THEY SENT TO RAY PALMER, EDITOR OF VENTURE MAGAZINE IN EVANSTON, ILLINOIS. THEY STATE PLAMER IS ALSO EDITOR OF FANTASY MAGAZINE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THEY STATE THEY REQUESTED PALMER ONLY TO MAKE A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ROCK FORMATION. DAHL AND CHRISMAN STATE PALMER LATER WROTE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL SAMPLES STATING HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ANALYZE THE MATERIAL. DAHL AND CHRISMAN STATE PALMER, A FEW DAYS AFTER THE FLYING DISK STORIES STARTED THE LATTER PART OF JUNE, LAST, CONTACTED THEM BY PHONE AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON, SAYING HE WOULD PAY FOR AN EXCLUSIVE STORY IF THE MATERIAL WHICH THEY HAD SENT HIM WAS FRAGMENTS OF A FLYING DISK. DAHL STATES HE WROTE PALMER A LETTER IN WHICH HE STATED THE MATERIAL WAS PART OF A FLYING DISK. DAHL AND CHRISMAN ADMIT THIS STATEMENT WAS ENTIREY FALSE. DAHL AND CHRISMAN STATE THEY WERE CALLED BY KENNETH ARNOLD OF BOISE, IDAHO TO MEET WITH HIM AT THE WHITHROP HOTEL, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, ON JULY THIRTYFIRST, LAST. THEY STATE ARNOLD CALLED IN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FROM

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HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA, AND CAPTAIN EMIL H. SMITH OF UNITED AIR LINES, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON TO ATTEND THE MEETING. DAHL AND CHRISMAN CLAIM THEY TOLD THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN, AS WELL AS KENNETH ARNOLD AND EMIL SMITH EXACTLY HOW THEY GOT THE ROCK FORMATIONS AND THAT THEY HAD NO CONNECTION WITH ANY FLYING DISK. DAHL AND CHRISMAN STATE THEY FURNISHED SOME OF THE ROCK FORMATION TO THE INTELLIGENT OFICERS AS SAMPLES. CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTEANT BROWN LEFT TACOMA, WASHINGTON IN A B TWENTY FIVE TO RETURN TO HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA ABOUT TWO THIRTY A. M. AUGUST ONE, LAST, AND WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR PLANE CRASHED AT KELSO, WASHINGTON, AFTER THE LEFT ENGINE BURNED OUT AN EXHAUST STACK WHICH IN TURN CAUGHT THE LEFT WING ON FIRE AND IT BROKE OFF. THE CREW CHIEF AND EACH OFFICER PARACHUTED TO SAFETY. ERNIE VOTEL, ASSOCIATED PRESS WIREMAN, TACOMA, ADVISED THAT TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE FLYING DISK STORIES STARTED, HE CONTACTED DAHL TO CHECK A STORY THE SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER HAD GOTEN FROM THE FIRE CHIEF AT HARBOR, WASHINGTON, TO THE EFFECT THAT DAHL HAD SOME FLYING DISK FRAGMENTS. AT THIS TIME DAHL ADMITTED TO VOGEL THE ENTIRE STORE WAS FALSE. DAHL AND CHRISMAN STATE ARNOLD WAS PAID BY RAY PALMER OF THE FANTASY MAGAZINE AND POSSIBLY THE BOISE STATEMAN- ~~SMX~~ NEWSPAPER, TO COME TO TACOMA, WASHINGTON AND OBTAIN A STORY FROM THEM REGARDING THE FLYING DISK FRAGMENTS. THEY FURTHER STATE THAT EMIL H. SMITH HAD A

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FRIEND ON THE CHICAGO TIMES AND WAS POSSIBLY SELLING THE STORY TO TE CHICAGO TIMES THROUGH THIS FRIEND. A CHECK OF THE RCORDS AT THE WITHROP HOTEL, TACOMA WHERE ARNOLD HAD HIS ROOM, REFLECT THAT ON JULY THIRTY FIRST, LAST, ARNOLD CALLED PALMER AT A. N. FIVE TWO NAUGHT NAUGT, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, COLLECT, AND ALSO CALLED NAUGHT ONE NAUGHT NINE J AT BOISE, IDAHO, COLLECT. ON AUGUST ONE, LAST, ARNOLD CALLED PALMER AT DEARBORN FIVE TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT CHICAGO, COLLECT, AND EMIL SMITH CALLED BLANK RODDY AT DEARBORN TWO THREE TWO THREE. ON JULY THIRTY FIRST AND AUGUST ONE, LAST, A TOTAL OF FIVE ANONYMOUS CALLS WERE RECEIVED BY A TACOMA TIMES REPORTER AND THE UNITED PRESS WIRE MAN AT TACMA, GIVING INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING AT THE WINTHROP HOTEL OVER THE DISK FRAGMENTS AND STATING THAT THE B TWENTY FIVE HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OR SABOTAGED WHICH KILLED CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTEANT BROWN INFERRING THAT THIS WAS DONE BECAUSE THE INTELLIGENE OFFICERS WERE CARRYING DISK FRAGMENTS IN THEIR PLANE. DAHL AND CHRISMAN STATE THESE CALLS COULD ONLY HAVE COME FROM THEMSELVES, SMITH OR ARNOD, AND DENY THAT THEY MADE THE CALLS. NO RECORD OF THE CALLS AS HAVING BEEN MADE FROM ARNOLD-S ROOM IN THE WINTHROP HOTEL CAN BE LOCATED. DAHL AND CHRISMAN ARE EVASIVE AS TO JUST WHAT INFORMATION THEY DID FURNISH BY PHONE OR LETTER TO RAY PALMER. ERNIE VOGEL, UNITED PRESS WIRE MAN , TACOMA, WASHINGTON, STATE IT APPEARS THE BOISE STATEMAN-S PAPER AND KENNETH ARNOLD HAVE

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BEEN PUSHING THE PUBLICITY ON THE FLYING DISK STORIES. VOGEL STATES THAT ARNOLD WAS EITHER THE FIRST OR ONE OF THE FIRST TO CLAIM HE HAD SEEN FLYING DISKS. DAHL AND CHRISMAN STATE THAT ARNOLD ADMITTED RECEIVING MONEY FROM RAY PALMER TO COME TO TACOMA TO CHECK THE DISK STORY. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, THE BUTTE OFFICE AT BOISE, IDAHO, WILL OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BOISE STATEMAN-S PAPER AND KENNNETH ARNOLD. WILL INTERVIEW KENNETH ARNOLD, ROUTE ONE, MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE, BOISE FOR WHAT INFORMTION HE HAS AS TO THE ABOVE FACTS AND WHAT INFORATION HE FURNISHED RAY PALMER AND THE BOISE STATEMAN REGARDING THE TACOMA MEETING AND THE SABOTAGE OF THE B TWENTYFIVE. THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO WILL INTERVIEW RAY PALMER, EDITOR OF FRANTASY MAGAZINE, REGARDING HIS CONNECTIONS WITH DAHL AND CHRISMAN AND ARNOLD AND WHAT INFORMATION EACH FURNISHED TO HIM. WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHAT INFORMATION CAPTAIN EMIL H. SMITH FURNISHED THE CHICAGO TIMES. THE SEATTLE OFFICE AT SEATTLE WILL INTERVIEW EMIL H. SMITH, THREE NAUGHT TWO SEVEN WEST LAURELHURST DRIVE ALONG THESE SAME LINES. WILL ALSO ASCERTAIN WHAT INFORMATION THE FIRE CHIEF AT ~~HEABOR XXX~~ HARBOR, WASHINGTON OTAINED FROM DAHL AND CHRISMAN.

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SMITH RELATES THAT HE AND ARNOLD MADE SUBSEQUEST ATTEMPTS TO GO OUT TO MAURI ISLAND WITH CRISMAN AND DAHL ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD, BUT WERE PUT OFF BY CHRISMAN AND DAHL FOR VARIOUS REASONS, SMITH STATES THAT REPORTER LANTZ OF TACOMA TIMES AND MORELLO OF UNITED PRESS OFFICE TACOMA INFORMED HIM AND ARNOLD OF THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS , AND FROM ACCCURACY OF THE INFO TRANSMITTED BY THESE ANONYMOUS CALLS, SMITH BELIEVES THEY WERE MADE BY EITHER DAHL OR CHRISMAN. SMITH ADMITS CALLING HIS PERSONAL FRIEND MAURICE RODDY, AVIATION EDITOR OF CHICAGO TIMES, ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST LAST, TO INFORM HIM OR THE TACOMA INCIDENT AS PER A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM THAT SMITH WOULD LET RODDY IN ON ANY FLYING DISC STORIES WHICH HE MIGHT RUN INTO. SMITH ALSO ADMITS THAT HE TOLD REPORTER JOHNSON OF IDAHO STATESMAN IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST SECOND LAST, THAT CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN WERE CARRYING FRAGMENTS WITH THEM ON THEIR FATAL FLIGHT. SMITH SAYS THAT DAHL TOLD HIM ON SATURDAY NITE AUGUAT SECOND LAST THAT HE, DAHL, IF CONTACTED BY THE ARMY OR OTHER AUTHORITIES WAS GOING TO SAY THAT THE ENTIRE STORY WAS A HOAX. SMITH STATES THAT HE TOLD HIS COMPLETE STORY TO MAJOR SANDERS OF MCCORD FIELD, TACOMA, ON SUNDAY MORNING , AUGUST THIRD LAST, AND THAT ARNOLD LEFT TACOMA. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, LANTZ AND MORELLO WHO ARE BOTH TACOMA NEWSPAPERMEN MENTIONED ABOVE, WILL NOT BE CONTACTED FOR VERIFICATION OF SMITHS STORY ABOVE. UNABLE TO LOCATE FIRE CHIEF OF HARBOR, WN. TO VERIFY INFORMATION RECEIVED BY HIM FROM DAHL AND CHRISMAN. SINCE THIS STORY ORIGINATED IN SEATTLE POST- INTELLIGENCER NEWS-PAPER THIS LEAD IS BEING DISCONTINEED UNLE[illegible]ED TO CONTRAYY. LETTER CONTAINING COMPLETER INTERVIEWS WIT[illegible] DAHL AND CHRISMAN AS OUTLINED ABOVE WILL BE FORWAREDE [illegible]AMSD TO BUREAU.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

September 4, 1947

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: Mrs. A. G. SARBANIS, Informant

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 21, 1947, addressed to Mrs. A. G. SARBANIS, 66 Notre Dame Avenue, Hicksville, Long Island, New York, a copy of which was sent to the New York Office.

Mrs. SARBANIS was interviewed by Special Agent William A. Johnson on August 12, 1947, at which time she advised that this coded message had appeared in "Newsday," the local newspaper of Nassau and Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. She stated that the message had appeared in the "County Irritant," a feature of this paper, and had been signed "Radio Ham."

Mr. JACK ALTSCHUL, City Editor of "Newsday," Hempstead, New York, was interviewed and advised that this article had been sent to the newspaper by letter which was signed "Radio Ham," and explained that he had no way of determining the identity of the writer. Mr. ALTSCHUL stated that it was his opinion that the code had been made up by some local "screwball" who had been affected by all of the newspaper publicity that had been given at that time to the story about flying discs.

There is enclosed an article appearing in the July 12th issue of "Newsday" concerning this coded message, which might be of interest in this matter.

Unless advised to the contrary, no further effort is being made to establish the identity of the person who signed himself "Radio Ham."

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

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September 4, 1947

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Mr. JACK ALDRICH, City Editor of "Newsday," Hempstead, New York, was interviewed and advised that this article had been sent to the newspaper by letter which was signed "Radio Man," and explained that he had no way of determining the identity of the writer. Mr. ALDRICH stated that it was his opinion that the code had been made up by some local "screwball" who had been attracted by all of the newspaper publicity that had been given at that time to the story about flying discs.

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Very truly yours,

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7/12/47 Newsday

COUNTY IRRITANT

from our Mail Box

Coming His Way

Merrick—Out all day yesterday looking for a house to rent, but no luck. I got so disgusted I ended up in a tavern and got lit. When I got home and went in the house I SAW FLYING SAUCERS IN AIR!

—No Foolin.

Garbles

Westbury—Bellmore Radio Ham's message seems to be from some gentleman occupying an Olympian height. As with many of these erudite souls, the sender cannot resist including a few "garbles" in his code. Or is our Ham guilty? Here is your message: TIRED OF H-U M A N NONSENSE WONT AWAIT ATOMIC WAR DISTURBING SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD UNDER MARTIANS LATE THIS YEAR.

—Simple transposition. Hope all your readers are appropriately warned.

—Stephen M. Schuster.

(Other ungarblers got "outlaw" (ATLAW) instead of "await," "disrupting" instead of "disturbing." Miss Rita Flood of Port Washington expects the world order to be set up under "minister." Is Radio Ham satisfied?—Ed.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. P. Coyne

DATE: 9/17/47

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: Mrs. A. ~~G.~~ Sarbanis
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You will recall that a letter was received from the above captioned individual dated July 10, 1947, in which she inclosed a newspaper clipping signed "Radio Ham." This newspaper clipping contained a coded message which Mrs. Sarbanis decoded. The FBI Laboratory checked Mrs. Sarbanis' decoding of this message and advised that it was substantially correct. The Laboratory's decoding of the message is being set forth below:

> "TIRED OF HUMAN NONSENSE WONT AWAIT ATOMIC WAR DISRUPTING ORDER SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD ORDER UNDER MARTIANS LATE THIS YEAR."

The New York Office was asked to interview Mrs. Sarbanis to determine from what newspaper the clipping in question was obtained. They were further instructed to contact this newspaper in an effort to ascertain the identity of the person who sent in the coded message, in order that the person might be interviewed for information concerning the alleged receipt of the coded message.

By letter dated September 4, 1947, the New York Office advised that they had ascertained from Mrs. Sarbanis that the coded message had appeared in "Newsday," the local newspaper of Nassau and Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. The City Editor of this newspaper stated that the original had been signed only "Radio Ham" and knew of no way of determining the identity of the writer. It was the City Editor's opinion that the code had been made up by some local "screwball" who had been affected by all of the newspaper publicity that had been given to stories concerning "flying discs."

The FBI Laboratory has now advised that the FCC maintains their amateur records by a geographical breakdown as well as by call letters and that the Laboratory could possibly get the names of all amateurs in the Bellmore, Long Island, New York Section in the event it is desired that another attempt be made to identify the person who sent this coded message to the "Newsday."

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<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: It is recommended that no further action be taken in connection with this matter in view of the opinion expressed by the City Editor of the "Newsday" that the letter received by him signed "Radio Ham" was from some local "screwball."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

DATE: July 28, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

There is transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau a report received from Lieutenant Colonel DONALD L. SPRINGER, A-2, Hamilton Field, California, containing the results of an investigation by his office concerning the reported sighting of flying discs.

In addition to containing the detailed descriptions of what was allegedly seen by several persons, the Bureau's attention is particularly called to the first memorandum setting forth the notes of Agent FRANK M. BROWN, CIC, Fourth Air Force, concerning an interview he had with Mr. KENNETH ARNOLD, Box 387, Boise, Idaho, who reported that on July 12, 1947 he had seen nine strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State. It will be noted that CIC Agent BROWN reports that "Mr. ARNOLD is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the United States Army Air Forces and the FBI for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner."

The thought has occurred to me that the Bureau might desire to have an agent of the Butte Office contact Mr. ARNOLD and explain to him our lack of jurisdiction in such matters.

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Hamilton Field, California

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	CONTROLLING OFFICE Air Defense Command
FILE NO. D333.5 ID (4AF-1208-I)	PERIOD COVERED From 10 Jul 47 to 18 Jul 47
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REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

Investigation initiated at the request of Headquarters Air Defense Command reference letter Headquarters Air Defense Command, dated 7 July 47, File D333.5 ID, subject: Investigation of Flying Discs.

SYNOPSIS:

Flying Discs first reported in this area 24 June 1947 near Mt. Rainier, Wash., by Kenneth M. Arnold (Incl 1, Exhibit A)

Unidentified object reported 9 July 1947 at approximately 1277 near Boise, Idaho, by David N. Johnson, Aviation Editor, Idaho Daily Statesman. (Incl 2, Exhibit B)

Unidentified objects reported by Capt. E. J. Smith, United Air Lines Pilot, 4 July 1947, eight minutes out of Boise, Idaho. (Incl 3 MOIC, Incl 7 News Clippings dated 5 July 1947)

Record check of law enforcement agencies, public utilities, and local residences revealed no record of Richard Rankin in Palm Springs. (Incl 4)

Unidentified objects reported 8 July 1947 at 1245, traveling northeast over Hamilton Field by S/Sgt Edward R. Baker, (Incl 5, Exhibit I)

Unidentified objects reported over Grand Canyon, Arizona, 0910 MST by Lt. W. G. McGinty, USN (Incl 6) and in vicinity of Lake Mead by Lt. E. B. Armstrong, Hq Tenth Air Force, Brooks Field, Texas. (Incl 6).

Extent of publicity in local area indicated by press clippings. (Incl 7)

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W. D., P. M. G. Form No. 110
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, Mr. Kenneth Arnold, Box 387, Boise, Idaho, was interviewed in regard to the report by Mr. Arnold that he saw 9 strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State on July 25th. Mr. Arnold voluntarily agreed to give the interviewer a written report of exactly what he had seen on the above mentioned date. The written report of Mr. Arnold is attached to this report as Exhibit A,

AGENT'S NOTES: Mr. Arnold is a man of 32 years of age, being married and the father of two children. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives, being very much the family man and from all appearances a very good provider for his family. Mr. Arnold has recently purchased a home on the outskirts of Boise, recently purchased a $5,000 airplane in which to conduct his business to the extent of which is explained in the attached exhibit. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Arnold actually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of Mr. Arnold's character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To go further, if Mr. Arnold can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he saw, it is the opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Arnold is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Buck Rogers fiction. Mr. Arnold is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the U.S. Army Air Forces and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner. To put all of the statements made by Mr. Arnold in this report would make it a voluminous volume. However, after having checked an aeronautical map of the area over which Mr. Arnold claims that he saw the objects it was determined that all statements made by Mr. Arnold in regard to the distances involved, speed of the objects, course of the objects and size of the objects, could very possibly be facts. The distances mentioned by Mr. Arnold in his report are within a short distance of the actual distances on aeronautical charts of this area, although Mr. Arnold has never consulted aeronautical charts of the type the Army uses. Mr. Arnold stated that his business had suffered greatly since his report on July 25 due to the fact that at every stop on his business routes, large groups of people were waiting to question him as to just what he had seen. Mr. Arnold stated further that if he, at any time in the future, saw anything in the sky, to quote Mr. Arnold directly, "if I saw a ten story building

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flying through the air I would never say a word about it", due to the fact that he has been ridiculed by the press to such an extent that he is practically a moron in the eyes of the majority of the population of the United States.

1 Incl: Exhibit "A"

FRANK M. BROWN, S/A, CIC 4th AF

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SOME LIFE DATA ON KENNETH ARNOLD

I was born March 29, 1915 in Subeka, Minnesota. My father's name was Edward Erb Arnold; my mother's maiden name was Bertha E. Barden. I was a resident of Minnesota until I was six years old when my family moved to Scobey, Montana, where they homesteaded. My grandfather, Roland C. Arnold also homesteaded in Scobey, Montana, and became quite prominent in political circles along with Burton K. Wheeler, the famous Montana senator.

I went to grade school and high school at Minot, North Dakota. I entered scouting at twelve years of age and achieved the rank of Eagle scout before I was fourteen. My former scout executive was H. H. Prescott, now a regional commissioner for the Boy Scouts in Kansas City, Kansas.

As a boy, I was interested in athletics and was selected as an all-state end in 1932 and 1933 in the state of North Dakota. I entered the U. S. Olympic trials in fancy diving in 1932; I was a Red Cross Life Saving Examiner during the years of 1932, '33 and '34. I taught swimming and diving at scout camps and the municipal pool in Minot, North Dakota. I went to the University of Minnesota, where I swam and did fancy diving under Neils Thorpe, and also played football under Bernie Bierman, but upon entering college I was unable to continue my football career because of an injured knee. My high school football coach was Glenn L. Jarrett, who is now the head football coach of the University of North Dakota. I had little or no finances, and my ambition in furthering my edication in college was through my athletics. As a boy in Minot, North Dakota, I did a good deal of dog sled racing, placed first with my dog in 1930 in the Lions Club Dog Derby.

In 1938 I went to work for Red Comet, Inc. of Littleton, Colorado, a manufacturer of automatic fire fighting apparatus. In 1939 I was made district manager for them over a part of the western states, and in 1940 I established my own fire control supply known as the Great Western Fire Control Supply. I have been working as an independent fire control engineer since, and I handle, distribute, sell and install all types of automatic and manual fire fighting equipment in the rural areas over five western states.

My flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lesson from Earl T. Vance, who was originally from Great Falls, Montana. Due to the high cost at that time, I was unable to continue my flying and did not fly of any great consequence until 1943. I was given my pilot certificate by Ed Leach, a senior CAA inspector of Portland, Oregon, and for the last three years have owned my own airplane covering my entire territory with same and flying from forty to one hundred hours per month since. Due to the fact that I use an airplane entirely in my work, in January of this year I purchased a new Callair airplane, which is an airplane designed for high altitude take-offs and short rough field use.

In the type of flying I do, it takes a great deal of practice and judgment to be able to land in most any cow pasture and get out without injuring your airplane; the runways are very limited and the altitude is very high in some of the fields and places I have to go in my work. To date, I have landed in 823 cow pastures in mountain meadows, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

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BY KENNETH ARNOLD

The following story of what I observed over the Cascade mountains, as impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never asked nor wanted any notoriety for just accidently being in the right spot at the right time to observe what I did. I reported something that I know any pilot would have reported. I don't think that in any way my observation was due to any sensivity of eye sight or judgment than what is considered normal for any pilot.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the Central Air Service at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Wash. My trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large marine transport that supposedly went down near or around the southwest side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington and to date has never been found.

I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which Mt. Rainier rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this marine ship and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9,200 feet.

The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as most pilots do when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain.

There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 foot elevation.

The sky and air was as clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft. I looked every place in the sky and couldn't find where the reflection had come from until I looked to the left and the north of Mt. Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 feet elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees.

They were approaching Mt. Rainier very rapidly, and I merely assumed they were jet planes. Anyhow, I discovered that this was where the reflection had come from, as two or three of them every few seconds would dip or change their course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

These objects being quite far away, I was unable for a few seconds to make out their shape or their formation. Very shortly they approached Mt. Rainier, and I observed their outline against the snow quite plainly.

I thought it was very peculiar that I couldn't find their tails but assumed they were some type of jet plane. I was determined to clock their speed, as I had two definite points I could clock them by; the air was so clear that it was very easy to see objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day.

I remember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my eight day clock, which is located on my instrument panel, read one minute to 3 P.M. as the first object of this formation passed the southern edge of Mt. Rainier. I watched these objects with great interest as I had never before observed

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airplanes flying so close to the mountain tops, flying directly south to southeast down the hog's back of a mountain range. I would estimate their elevation could have varied a thousand feet one way or another up or down, but they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate they were near the same elevation as I was.

They flew like many times I have observed geese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They seemed to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. Their speed at the time did not impress me particularly, because I knew that our army and air forces had planes that went very fast.

What kept bothering me as I watched them flip and flash in the sun right along their path was the fact that I couldn't make out any tail on them, and I am sure that any pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane.

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact I compared a zeus fastener or cowling tool I had in my pocket with - holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 - that I could observe at quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but, I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furtherest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects, the more upset I became, as I am accustomed and familiar with most all objects flying whether I am close to the ground or at higher altitudes. I observed the chain of these objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, and as the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge.

As I was flying in the direction of this particular ridge, I measured it and found it to be approximately five miles so I could safely assume that the chain of these saucer like objects were at least five miles long. I could quite accurately determine their pathway due to the fact that there were several high peaks that were a little this side of them as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

As the last unit of this formation passed the southern most high snow-covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my sweep second hand and it showed that they had travelled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I would land there would be some explanation of what I saw.

A number of news men and experts suggested that I might have been seeing reflections or even a mirage. This I know to be absolutely false, as I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe the with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses)

Even though two minutes seems like a very short time to one on ground, in the air in two minutes time a pilot can observe a great things and anything within his sight of vision probably as many a sixty times.

I continued my search for the marine plane for another twenty minutes and while searching for this marine plane, wh observed kept going through my mind. I became more distur taking a last look at Tieton Reservoir I headed for Yaki

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I might add that my complete observation of these objects, which I could even follow by their flashes as they passed Mt. Adams, was around two and one-half or three minutes -- although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form. Of course, when the sun reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am kaing a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be as they passed the snow covered ridges as well as Mt. Rainier.

When these objects were flying approximately straight and level, they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could get a judgment as to their size.

These objects were holding an almost constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or to be coming down, such as would be the case of rockets or artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were some type of airplane, even though they didn't conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

Although these objects have been reported by many other observers throughout the United States, there have been six or seven other accounts written by some of these observers that I can truthfully say must have observed the same thing that I did; particularly, the descriptions of the three Western Air Lines employees, Cedar City, Utah, the gentleman (pilot) from Oklahoma City and the locomotive engineer in Illinois, plus Capt Smith and Co-Pilot Stevens of United Air Lines.

Some descriptions could not be very accurate taken from the ground unless these saucer-like disks were at quite a great height and there is a possiblity that all of the people who observed peculiar objects could have seen the same thing I did; but, it would have been very difficult from the ground to observe these for more than four or five seconds, and there is always the possibility of atmospheric moisture and dust near the ground which could distort one's vision.

I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and people who profess that these objects have been observed over other portions of the world, principally Sweden, Bermuda, and California.

I would have given almost anything that day to have had a movie camera with a telephoto lens and from now on I will never be without one - - but, to continue further with my story. When I landed at the Yakima, Wash., airport I described what I had seen to my very good friend, Al Baxter, who listened patiently and was very courteous but in a joking way didn't believe me.

I did not accurately measure the distance between these two mountains until I landed at Pendleton, Oregon, that same day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine what I had observed and they did not scoff or laugh but suggested they might be guided missiles or something new. In fact several former Army pilots informed me that they had been briefed before going into combat overseas that they might see objects of similar shape and design as I described and assured me that I wasn't dreaming or going crazy.

I quote Sonny Robinson, a former Army Air Forces pilot who is now operating dusting operations at Pendleton, Oregon, "What you observed, I am convinced, is some type of jet or rocket propelled ship that is in the process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government.

Anyhow, the news that I had observed these spread very rapidly and before night was over I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world; and, to date I have not received one telephone call or one letter of scoffing or disbelief. The only disbelief that I know of was what was printed in the papers.

I look at this whole ordeal as not something funny as some people have made it out to be. To me it is mighty serious and since I evidently did

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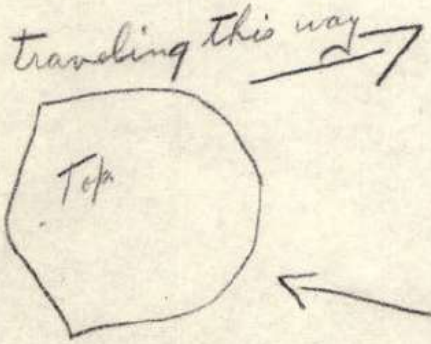
observe something that at least Mr. John Doe on the street corner or Pete Andrews on the ranch has never heard about, is no reason that it does not exist. Even though I openly invited an investigation by the Army and the FBI as to the authenticity of my story or a mental or a physical examination as to my capabilities, I have received no interest from these two important protective forces of our country; I will go so far as to assume that any report I gave to the United and Associated Press and over the radio on two different occasions which apparently set the nation buzzing, if our Military Intelligence was not aware of what I observed, they would be the very first people that I could expect as visitors.

I have received lots of requests from people who told me to make a lot of wild guesses. I have based what I have written here in this article on positive facts and as far as guessing what it was I observed, it is just as much a mystery to me as it is to the rest of the world.

My pilot's license is 333487. I fly a Callair airplane; it is a three-place single engine land ship that is designed and manufactured at Afton, Wyoming as an extremely high performance, high altitude airplane that was made for mountain work. The national certificate of my plane is 33355.

/s/ Kenneth Arnold
Box 587
Boise, Idaho



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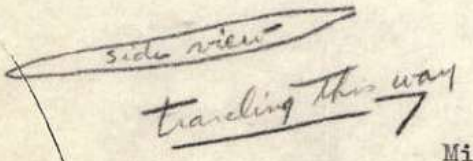

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They did not appear to me to whirl or spin but seemed in fixed position, traveling as I have made drawing. /s/ Kenneth Arnold

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16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, a call was made at the newspaper office of the "Idaho Daily Statesman", Boise, Idaho. The aviation editor of the paper, Mr. David N. Johnson, was interviewed in regard to how well he knew Mr. Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, and as to the credibility of any statement made by Mr. Arnold. The purpose of this interview was an attempt to verify statements made by Mr. Kenneth Arnold on 26 June 1947, to various national news services to the effect that he, Mr. Arnold, had seen 9 objects flying in the air above the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington. These objects were subsequently referred to as flying saucers or flying disks and will here-in-after be referred to as such in this report. Mr. Johnson stated that he had known Mr. Arnold for quite a period of time, having had relations with Mr. Arnold on various occasions, due to the fact that both he, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Arnold were private fliers and frequently got together to talk shop. Mr. Johnson stated that as far as he was concerned anything Mr. Arnold said could be taken very seriously and that he, Mr. Johnson, actually believed that Mr. Arnold had seen the aforementioned flying disks. Mr. Johnson stated that after Mr. Arnold reported having seen the flying disks, that the editor of the paper had assigned him, Mr. Johnson, the assignment of taking the airplane belonging to the newspaper and exhausting all efforts to prove or disprove the probability of flying disks having been seen in the northwest area. The results of this assignment to Mr. Johnson and what he subsequently saw is put forth in a sworn statement signed by Mr. Johnson attached to this report as Exhibit B.

AGENT'S NOTES: Mr. Johnson is a man of approximately 33 to 35 years of age. From all appearances he is a very reserved type of person. Mr. Johnson has logged 2800 hours of flying time in various types of airplanes up to and including multi-engine aircraft. During part of the war years, Mr. Johnson was the first pilot of a B-29 type aircraft being assigned to the Twentieth USAAF and stationed on Tinian Island, in the Pacific. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Johnson actually saw what he states that he saw in the attached report. It is also the opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Johnson would have much more to lose than gain and would have to be very strongly convinced that he actually saw something before he would report such an incident and open himself for the ridicule that would accompany such a report.

1 Incl: Exhibit "B"

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Statement of David N. Johnson
at Boise, Idaho, July 12, 1947

To Whom It May Concern:

On the sixth day of July, 1947, I received from James L. Brown, general manager of the Statesman Newspapers, incorporated in Idaho as The Statesman Printing company, an assignment which was in substance:

"Conduct an aerial search of the northwest states in an effort to see and photograph a flying disc. Conduct this patrol for so long a time as you believe reasonable, or until you see a flying disc."

In accordance to these instructions, I took the Statesman's airplane, and with Kenneth Arnold as passenger, flew a seven and one-half hour mission on the seventh day of July, 1947. This mission was without result. It covered an area embracing the confines of the Hanford plant in Washington, and territory between and around Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, where Arnold first reported seeing objects henceforth described as saucers or discs.

On the eighth day of July, 1947, I took an AT-6 of the 190th Fighter squadron, Idaho National Guard, of which I am a member, and flew to northern Idaho, into northwestern Montana briefly, to Spokane, Washington, and back to Boise by way of Walla Walla, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon. This search also was negative.

On the ninth day of July, 1947, I continued the search, again using a national guard AT-6, this time centering my efforts over the Owyhee mountains west and southwest of Boise, a portion of the Mountain Home desert on a track southeast of the Mountain Home army air base, thence into the Sawtooth mountains, and back in the general direction of Boise on a line carrying me well to the north of the Shafer butte forest service lookout station, into the Horseshoe Bend area, and thence back in a southwesterly direction to a point between Boise and the village of Meridian, west of Boise a few miles.

During this search, which lasted approximately two and one-half hours, I flew under and around rapidly forming cumulus clouds over that area known as the Camas Prairie, east of Boise. The clouds were near the village of Fairfield in that valley, and Fairfield is 75 miles airline distance east of Boise. At that time I saw nothing in the vicinity of these clouds.

At the time I reached the point between Boise and Meridian, I was flying at an altitude of 14,000 feet mean sea level, which would be a mean average of 11,000 feet above the earth in this area, not considering errors in the altimeter induced either by barometric changes since my takeoff, or by the temperature at that altitude.

I turned the aircraft on an easterly heading, pointing toward Gowen Field, and had flown on that course for perhaps a minute when there suddenly appeared in the left hand portion of my field of vision an object which was black and round.

I immediately centered my gaze on the object. At that time, due to its erratic movement, I thought I was seeing a weather balloon. I called the CAA's communication station at Boise, and asked if the weather station had recently released a balloon. The reply from communicator Albertson was that the bureau had not. I do not remember his exact words; I am under the impression he said "not for several hours" or gave me the exact time of the previous release, which was around 08:30 that day.

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Upon hearing this response, I turned the aircraft broadside to the object, pulled back the plexiglass covering to avoid any distortion, took my camera from the map case, and exposed about 10 seconds' duration of eight millimeter motion picture film. During the time the camera was at eye level, I could not see the object because of minuteness of scope introduced by the optical view finder with which the camera, an f.1.9 Eastman, was equipped.

Taking the camera away and once again centering my gaze on the object, I observed it to roll so that its edge was presented to me. At this time it flashed once in the sunlight. It then appeared as a thin black line. It then performed a maneuver which looked as if it had begun a slow roll, or a barrel roll, which instead of being completed, was broken off at about the 180-degree point. The object rolled out of the top of the maneuver at this point, and I lost sight of it.

This entire performance was observed against the background of clouds previously forming over the Camas Prairie. The object appeared to me, relatively, as the size of a twenty-five cent piece. I do not know how far away it was. I do not know, nor can I truthfully estimate its speed. I can only say it was not an airplane, and if it was at a very great distance from me, its speed was great, taking into consideration that apparent speed is reduced to the viewer if an object is a very great distance away.

I forgot to look at my clock to determine the exact time I saw the object. The CAA's log of radio contacts shows my first contact to have been made at 12:17 hours. But a few seconds elapsed between the time I first saw the object, and the time I called the CAA's station.

I subsequently related over the radio a description of what I saw, and communicator Albertson may remember it. The control tower may have a recording of the conversation. I have not checked to determine.

The purpose of my relating over the air what I saw was to enable rapid transmission of the report to the newspaper, for at that time I was on assignment and my energies thenceforth were devoted to (1) transmitting the information and (2) conducting a further search, which I did after landing for fuel and to make some telephone calls.

The next search, begun within half an hour after landing from the first one, consumed another two hours, but was negative. I explored thoroughly the region where I saw the object.

Immediately after sighting the object, I asked if there were other aircraft in the area. There was a P-51 of the 190th squadron practicing maneuvers in the vicinity of Kuna, but that was behind me. A C-82 passed over Boise, but I saw that aircraft go beneath me by some 2,000 feet. The P-51 in the vicinity of Kuna proceeded to the area where I saw the object, at my request, and conducted a search. It was negative. During the afternoon, flights of P-51s were sent out to cover the area, and some of them flew high altitude missions on oxygen. These searches were negative.

I was subsequently informed that personnel on both the United Air Lines side of Gowen field, and on the national guard side, observed a glack object maneuvering in front of the same cloud formation, which by now had grown so that the clouds reached a probable height of 19,000 or 20,000 feet from a mean base of 13,500 or 14,000 feet, mean sea level. Three of these men were national guard personnel and I talked to them,

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saw it.

This statement is made voluntarily and freely, in response to the request of Mr. Brown and Captain Davidson, who called on me this morning.

/s/ David N. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 12th day of July, 1947.

/s/ Geo. L. Flaherty
Notary public for Ada county Idaho. My commission expires Jan 2, 1949.

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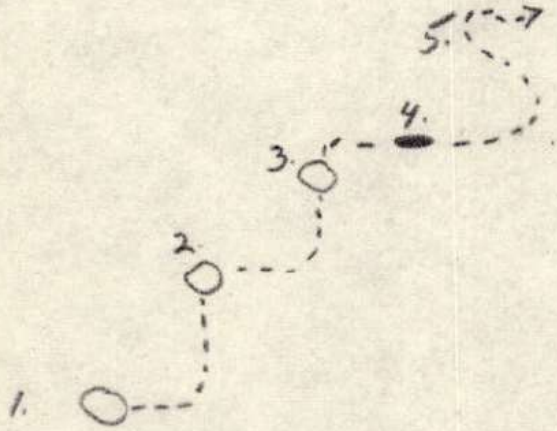
Chart to which reference is made on page six, statement of David N. Johnson



This design portrays the movements of the object to which reference is made in the attached statement. At all times the object appeared as black. Positions (1), (2) and (3) show the jerky, rising motion. Position (4) is where the object rolled, presenting its edge to me. It then followed the dotted line, rolling over the top of the maneuver and disappearing at position (5).

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asking them to describe what they saw, before telling them my story, in order to avoid suggestion or inference of a leading nature. They saw the object (from the ground) while I was on my second search. They believed the time to have been 14:00 hours. The object performed in the same erratic manner, they said, as I observed.

The above is the extent of the story, and information concerning myself is now in order.

I have approximately 2800 hours of flying time in equipment ranging from primary trainers to B-29s. Of course, that does not increase my powers of observation except as to those practiced daily by an airman. It does not make my eyesight any sharper except again as to the incidental demands upon the eyes of a pilot.

At the time of the experience related above, I had flown fourteen and one-half hours on an assignment to find a disc and if possible, to photograph it. In all frankness, I was tired. I may have been suffering, although slightly, from want of oxygen.

Prior to sighting the object, I had concluded there was no point in pressing the search, that I probably would never see the disc-like objects referred to by Arnold and by Captain Smith of United Air Lines.

At all times during the search, both on that day and the two preceeding days (particularly when I was with Arnold) I had literally talked to myself to keep beating into my head that I would not fall victim to the power of suggestion or self-hypnosis arising from a naturally very intent desire to find a disc and bring success to the assignment given me.

I therefore do not believe that I was the victim of suggestion or hypnosis. I am familiar with the optical illusion of a fixed object beginning to move after it is watched a sufficient length of time. I know what tricks the eyes will play as to moving bodies, and have learned of this particularly during night formation flying.

I saw the object appear suddenly. If it had moved in a jerky fashion (as it did at first) for the full length of time I observed it, I would not be so strong in saying that I saw something not an aircraft, not a balloon, and not a corpuscle moving across the retina of either eye. The maneuver described by the object when its edge was presented to me convinces me that I saw an object actually performing in an erratic flight path.

The question remains, of course, whether I saw it. The motion picture film, developed and processed by R. W. Stohr in the Eastman laboratories at 241 Battery Street, San Francisco, showed no trace of any object. Stohr says that if it was more than a mile distant from me at the size I described, the object would not have registered sufficiently on the film to be shown. He said it probably was too far away to be apparent even through great enlargement of the negative, and enlargement in that case is limited because of the size of the film and the fact I did not have any telescopic equipment on the lens. The exposure was f.16, stop set at infinity, at a speed of 16 frames per second.

I have worried over this matter a great deal since seeing it. I "took myself aside" and said, "come now, Johnson, don't be stupid." But I cannot bring myself to the point of thinking I did not see a thing. The impression of the moment was too vivid, too realisti I knew in the air when I saw that partial slow roll or barrel that I was not a victim of illusion.

I trust this matter will be of help to those investigatin flying disc phenomena which have been reported.

A chart is attached depicting the movements of the obje

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, Captain Smith, of the United Airlines, was interviewed at the Boise Municipal Airport, Boise, Idaho. Captain Smith was passing through Boise on a schedule flight at the time and had a 20 minute stop-over. Captain Smith reiterated the statements originally made by him to the press as to what he had seen in the late evening of July 4th, when 8 minutes out of Boise on the route to Seattle, Washington. It is the opinion of the interviewer that due to the position Captain Smith occupies, that he, Captain Smith, would have to be very strongly convinced that he actually saw flying disks before he would open himself for the ridicule attached to a report of this type.

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14 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 10 July 1947, a chech was made at the following locations in Palm Springs, California for the purpose of trying to locate Mr. Richard Rankin: Palm Springs Police Department, Palm Springs Newspaper, "The Desert Sun", Palm Springs Water Company, Southern California Gas Company, Palm Springs Telephone Company, Palm Springs Employment Office, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, Royal Palms Hotel, 5 Palm Springs real estate offices, and the City Offices of Palm Springs including waste disposal, water rights, tax records and etc. No record of Mr. Rankin existed in any of the above mentioned offices.

2. On 11 July 1947, Mr. Ryland M. Gorham, Postmaster of Palm Springs, California for the past 14 years was interviewed. Mr. Gorham stated that he had lived in Palm Springs for the past 24 years and that he was unaware if a person named Richard Rankin had ever lived in Palm Springs. Mr. Gorham stated that due to the fact that Palm Springs is a resort area and due to the fact that in the summer months only 3 to 5 thousand people resided in Palm Springs, whereas in the winter months 10 to 12 thousand resided in Palm Springs, it was very possible that Mr. Rankin could have lived in Palm Springs more or less on a non-permanent status and he, Mr. Gorham, not being aware of it.

A check of General Delivery records revealed a letter addressed to Mr. Richard Rankin, Palm Springs, mailed from Cicero, Indiana, postmarked at Cicero, Indiana, July 1947, at 5 P.M. The return address on the envelope was listed as the Gospel Tract Worker, Route 1, Cicero, Indiana. Mr. Gorham permitted the contents of the envelope to be examined inasmuch as the contents was 3rd Class material and the envelope not sealed. The records were of a religious nature concerning the sad plight of American non-church goers, the second coming of Christ and etc. Superintendent of Mails was contacted by Mr. Gorham and stated that there was a Mr. Richard Rankin who had received mail through the general delivery office of the Palm Springs Post Office, but that the last mail, other than the letter mentioned above, came through the Post Office approximately two years ago. The Superintendent of Mails seemed to have a very uncanny memory and recalled where the mail coming in for Rankin had been addressed to. This mail was addressed to Mr. Richard Rankin in care of a trailer camp located in Palm Springs. On calling the trailer camp office, it was found that Mr. Richard Rankin had lived in the camp but departed approximately two years ago and left no forwarding address. Investigation is continuing in an effort to locate Mr. Rankin and obtain a statement from him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 15 July 1947, S/Sgt Edward R. Baker, ASN RA 39576378, 467th AAF BU (ORD), Squadron A, Hamilton Field, California, was interviewed and stated as follows: S/Sgt Baker has been in the Army ten years and two months, twenty-six months overseas duty in the ETO, and has been in the Air Corps for about ten months. S/Sgt Baker stated that on 8 July 1947, he was going to Base Cleaners from his office and was passing along the sidewalk near the barracks of the ORD when he saw five or six men pointing toward the sky, but as he was use to this around an Army Air Base, he paid no further attention to it until a lieutenant and a captain ahead of him stopped and pointed in the same direction. He stated that on glancing up he saw three objects traveling northeast across the sky. Two seemed to be traveling faster than an ordinary flight of P-80s and he estimated the altitude between 8-10,000 feet and approximately 7-10 miles away. S/Sgt Baker stated that the two objects in the lead appeared to be round and of a very light gray color, while the object in the rear seemed to be either rotating or rolling behind the other two. S/Sgt Baker stated that from a distance he could not tell exactly the shape of the one which was rolling as it appeared to be turning over and he couldn't tell whether the object was flat. The only means he had of identifying it was the fact that it seemed to get brighter and darker as it appeared to roll. The objects were in sight approximately four seconds. As he was in a hurry, he did not stop to talk to the other men but he heard one of them remark that the one in the rear was certainly rolling fast. S/Sgt Baker was unable to identify any of the other men in the group who were reported to have seen the object. Baker stated that it was unlike anything he had ever seen and that he has been trying to convince himself that it was an optical illusion, and yet at the same time he is certain that he saw the objects as described. (See Exhibit I).

NOTE: S/Sgt Baker appears to be intelligent and is a reserved sort of person. He was very reluctant to discuss the subject at first and appeared hesitant prompted by the possibility that he might be ridiculed. He seemed to be honest and sincere in what he stated he saw, and said frankly he was puzzled over the matter. A signed statement by S/Sgt Baker is attached.

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Exhibit I.

WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON, Capt, AC, OIC CI, 4AF

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FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director FBI

DATE: September 2, 1947

FROM : SAC Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Remytel August 20, 1947.

With reference to the above-described teletype, Mr. H. H. HEDSTROM, 322 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, was the principal source of information. Mr. HEDSTROM, who is the Executive Director of the Twin Falls Housing Authority, explained that he and his wife and Mrs. HENRY SHULTZ, a neighbor, were sitting on their front porch at approximately 9:30 P. M., August 19, 1947. He said that Mrs. HEDSTROM suddenly shouted and pointed to the sky and thereafter stated that she had seen an object traveling at a terrific rate of speed in a northeasterly direction. The object was out of sight before Mr. HEDSTROM and Mrs. SHULTZ could see anything.

While they were discussing what Mrs. HEDSTROM had seen, approximately ten minutes later all three saw ten similar objects proceeding rapidly in the same direction in the form of a triangle. As the group of objects was disappearing, three of the objects on the left flank peeled off and proceeded in a more northerly direction. The remaining objects appeared to close ranks and proceeded in a northeasterly direction.

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From three to five minutes later these same individuals saw another group of three objects proceeding in the same direction, and again in the shape of a triangle. From three to five minutes later all three observed another group in a triangular formation consisting of five or six objects. They were proceeding in the same direction.

A few minutes later the three persons saw a large group of objects estimated at from thirty-five to fifty flying in a triangular formation in the same direction. Approximately twenty or twenty-five minutes after the large group of objects was observed, similar objects were noted coming back over the city in a southwesterly direction. These objects were generally in groups of three, five and seven and followed each other at approximately five minute intervals.

Mrs. HEDSTROM called Detective RICHARD A. FRAZIER of the Twin Falls Police Department, a next door neighbor, who was then accompanied by M. E. ROUNTREE and RICHARD SCOTT, also members of the Twin Falls Police Department. The three officers watched for a few minutes and observed a group of about twelve objects flying in formation over the city in a southwesterly direction. The members of the Police Department did not continue watching, although Mr. FRAZIER later saw other groups, which were also seen by the HEDSTROMs and Mrs. SHULTZ. Mrs. SHULTZ had also called her husband, who saw some of the objects.

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On the night in question the sky was overcast and the objects could not be seen closely; however, they were distinct enough so that all persons could observe what they described as a glow going through the air. They said that the objects appeared to be lighted from the inside and were of a color similar to regular electric lights.

Detective FRAZIER and Mr. HEDSTROM both stated that they could not be meteors or comets, that they flew on a level line and did not appear to drop. They flew at a terrific rate of speed and were visible for only a few minutes at a time. Both persons interviewed said that the objects could not have been geese or ducks and that the lights were not a reflection of the city lights on some object or objects.

None of the persons interviewed noticed any flames or anything except the glow of lights. None of the persons who claimed to have seen these objects were drinking at the time. No other persons in Twin Falls reported seeing the objects mentioned herein; however, Mr. HEDSTROM and Mr. FRAZIER stated that it was purely by accident that they had seen the objects and that they would not have seen them unless they were looking for them, because of the speed at which they traveled. On account of the overcast sky they were unable to estimate the size of the objects or the height at which they flew.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Butte Office, and the case is being closed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 4, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

AIRMAIL
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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1947, from Lt. Col. DONALD L. SPRINGER of A-2, Hamilton Field, Calif., with an attachment referring to the sighting of a flying object by Captain JACK PECK and his co-pilot, VINCE DALY, near Bethel, Alaska.

Photostatic copies of this letter and attachment are being forwarded to the Anchorage Field Office. In accordance with Bureau Bulletin #42, dated July 30, 1947, Anchorage is requested to interview Captain JACK PECK and his co-pilot, VINCE DALY, preferably separately, in order to obtain all details of their reported sighting of a flying object on August 4, 1947. The San Francisco Field Office should be furnished two copies of the results of these interviews for distribution to the Sixth Army Intelligence.

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SIGAK 000 ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, SIGNAL CORPS ACSAD
Seattle 4, Washington
19 August 1947

Subject: Matters of National Interest

To: Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
San Francisco, California

The attached letter has been received from the NCOIC of the Alaska Communication System station at Bethel, Alaska. It is submitted for your information.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ Svend C. Hansen
SVEND C. HANSEN
Captain, Signal Corps
Acting Executive

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Cy ltr fr NCOIC
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ACS, Seattle

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HQ FOURTH AIR FORCE, Hamilton Field, California, 28 August 1947.

TO: Special Agent In Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice, Room 422, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded for your information.

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DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, GSC
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BETHEL, ALASKA

5 August 1947

Subject; Matters of National Interest

To: Commanding Officer, Alaska Communication System
550 Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Washington

1. Per AGAO-S 319.1 the following report is submitted on a matter which may become of National Interest. Captain Jack Peck and his CoPilot Vince Daly have stated that on August 4, 1947 they sighted and followed a flying saucer Northwest of Bethel Alaska. This object was bigger than the Douglas DC-3 they were flying, crossed their course at right angles to them. It was flying at an Altitude of one thousand feet. They swung in behind it and followed it at an air speed of one hundred seventy miles per hour but it was out of sight in four minutes. They state the object was smooth surfaced and streamlined with no visible means of propulsion whatever.

2. It is realized that the Fourth Air Force claims there are no such things but Captain Peck is Chief Pilot for Al Jones flying service and is not a man given to exageration. In view of the excellent reputation of Captain Peck and the fact that no one here doubts in the least but that he actually saw this object, this report is turned in for any action deemed necessary by your office.

/s/ Harold D. Johnston
T/4 Signal Corps
Operator in Charge

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

Reference is made to my letter of August 8, 1947, with which there were transmitted photostatic copies of three letters dated August 4, 1947, entitled, "Investigation of Flying Discs".

In order to keep the Bureau fully informed concerning this matter, I am enclosing a letter dated July 28, 1947, entitled, "Unidentifiable Objects" furnished to me by Lt. Colonel DONALD L. SPRINGER, GSC, A C of S A-2. Enclosed with this letter was a memorandum for the officer in charge written by LAWRENCE R. KING, JR., Special Agent CIC AdC dated July 15, 1947.

Lt. Colonel DONALD L. SPRINGER furnished me in person with a memorandum entitled, "Incident for AF 1208-I" dated August 5, 1947, and prepared by JAMES A. NELSON, Special Agent CIC 4AF.

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The Bureau will be kept currently advised of any future information obtained in this matter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 5 August 1947, this agent interviewed Captain William H. Ryherd, ASN O-66356, the assistant operations officer in the 415th AAF BU, Building 95, Hamilton Field, California, regarding flying objects in the air. Captain Ryherd stated in substance: He is an instructor pilot in the 415th Training Unit. On 29 July at 1450, Captain Ryherd and a student, 1st Lt. Ward L. Stewart, 1242 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California, landed and parked an AT-6 near the hangar, building 59 of the 415th AAF BU. Walking from the aircraft toward reserve operations, and looking westward just over the hangar, Captain Ryherd saw a P-80 flying southward toward Oakland. Above this P-80, at approximately 8,000 to 10,000 feet in altitude, Captain Ryherd saw two flying objects traveling the same direction as the P-80. He, Ryherd, judged the solid, white, somewhat shiny objects were approximately 15 to 25 feet in diameter. Ryherd stated that he didn't call them discs due to the publicity these objects have been given, but in shape they were circular, like a ball on the bottom, but not completely round; and Ryherd specifically stated that these objects were not airplanes.

The first flying object was traveling straight and level; whereas the second was close behind the first, same altitude, only it seemed to be going from left to right and right to left, more or less like a guard in an aircraft formation. Captain Ryherd further stated that the speed of these two objects made a P-80 look as if it was motionless in the air.

The sky was clear, consequently Captain Ryherd and Lt. Stewart watched the two objects until they disappeared in flight, supposedly over Oakland, headed toward the ocean.

Due to the noise of the P-80, no sound of any kind could be heard from these flying objects.

These objects did not leave any vapor, smoke, or any visible trails along their flight path.

Captain Ryherd informed this agent he had never told anyone about these flying objects, fearing that people would think he was crazy.

AGENT'S NOTES: Captain Ryherd showed extreme sincerity throughout the interview, answering all questions with caution and assurance.

JAMES A. NELSON, Spec. Agt., CIC 4AF

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

28 July 1947

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SUBJECT: "Unidentifiable Objects".

TO : Special Agent In Charge, FBI, 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

Inclosed herewith is information copy of MOIC, subject as above, dated 15 July 1947.

DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt Col., GSC
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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS
Williams Fld., Chandler, Ariz.
15 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 14 July 1947, 1st Lt Eric B. Armstrong, O-2059709, 170th AAF Base Unit, Ferry Division, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas was interviewed and the following information was obtained: Lt. Armstrong departed Williams Field, Arizona at 1400 CST on 28 June 1947 in a P-51 for Portland, Oregon, by the way of Medford, Oregon. At approximately 1515 CST on a course of 300 degrees, and ground speed of 285, altitude 10,000 feet, approximately thirty miles northwest of Lake Meade, Nevada Lt. Armstrong sighted five or six white, circular objects at four o'clock, altitude approximately 6,000 feet, course approximately 120 degrees and an estimated speed of 285 MPH. Lt. Armstrong said the objects were flying very smoothly and in a close formation. The estimated size of the white objects were approximately 36 inches in diameter. Lt. Armstrong stated that he is sure the white objects were not birds, since the rate of closure was very fast. Lt. Armstrong was certain that the white objects were not jets or conventional type aircraft since he has flown both types.

AGENT'S NOTES:

Lt. Armstrong was very sincere in the explanation and was not the exaggerating type. He merely stated what he saw and has drawn no conclusions as to what the white objects were.

Lawrence R. King, Jr., Special Agent, CIC,ADC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD

Colonel SPRINGER, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, telephonically advised Special Agent MICHAEL J. CASSIDY of the San Francisco Office at 10:40 AM on August 27, 1947, that a personal letter had been received by his organization from HENRY McLEOD, city editor of the Seattle Times, which stated in effect that because there were so many stories going around relative to flying discs and related matters, and that his staff of reporters had been attempting to get reliable information concerning such stories, he was writing to inquire whether any governmental agency was going to make an official statement relative to the situation pertaining to the flying discs; that Mr. McLEOD also asked whether it would be permissible for his reporters to interview ARNOLD, DAHL, and SMITH relative to this situation.

Colonel SPRINGER stated that the above-mentioned letter was answered personally by General HALE on August 25, 1947, and advised Mr. McLEOD that as far as the Army Air Force was concerned, they had no information which would definitely clear up the situation; that as far as interviewing persons, Mr. McLEOD could feel free to interview whomsoever he desired, in that there was no censorship at the present time; that in the interest of economy, the Fourth Air Force Headquarters would not run out every lead or report of flying discs, but that if well-founded and apparently reliable information were received, that such information would be given attention.

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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Seattle Field Division for any action deemed advisable.

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The attached newspaper [illegible] "Morning News" [illegible] Delaware, July 8, 1947. It reports that a FORREST WENYON, 123 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, an aircraft pilot, had disclosed that in the past ten months he had twice seen flying discs which he was reported to have described as "flying mayonnaise jars." He was reported to have seen the first flying disc during September, 1946, and to have noted another such object on June 2, 1947.

Mr. WENYON was quoted as having called the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised that the Bureau was not interested, whereupon he notified the Eastern Airlines and the Civil Aeronautic Authority of the objects he had seen. Both agencies are reported to have accepted the information stating they would investigate. The clipping further stated that Mr. WENYON had received no answer to date from either agency.

This clipping was submitted to me by the resident agents' office at Wilmington together with the advice that no agent in Wilmington had been contacted by Mr. WENYON. I directed Mr. WENYON be interviewed to determine the full facts.

Mr. WENYON was interviewed and it was determined that his correct name is HORACE P. WENYON. Mr. WENYON advised that he had been an airplane pilot approximately thirty years. He stated that in September of 1946, while flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet, two or three miles south of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, he noticed a projectile approximately fifteen inches in diameter which crossed his course at right angles and was moving in a west-to-east direction. According to Mr. WENYON, several jets of flame were spurting from the object and it was traveling at a very high rate of speed, 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour. He stated that in October of 1946, he observed a similar projectile while flying over Rehoboth Beach at 1,400 feet. This was also traveling from west to east.

Mr. WENYON stated that there is little question in his mind but that what he saw was some sort of rocket being tested. He stated that he wished to call the matter to the attention of the appropriate authority inasmuch as he thought that the series of airplane crashes that have occurred re[illegible] might in part be explained by what he had observed. He stated th[illegible] reported the information to the Civil Aeronautics Authority a[illegible] telephonically interviewed by a reporter from the Wilmingto[illegible]

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Mr. WENYON stated that what he had seen traveled at such a high rate of speed that it was very difficult to describe it, but the description "flying mayonnaise jars" was concocted by the newspaper reporter.

This information has not been brought to the attention of any Army sources in view of the fact that only a preliminary inquiry was conducted on the basis of a news article which sets forth essentially the facts obtained from Mr. WENYON.

No further action in this matter is contemplated by this office unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

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: Director, FBI

DATE: 9/4/47

FROM: SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
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g Mayonnaise Jars
ported by Rehoboth Pilot

rest Wenyon Believes Mystery Discs, et-Propelled, May Have Caused Big Plane Crash on Memorial Day

eteran Delaware pilot, Forrest Wenyon of 123 Rehoboth Avenue, th Beach, disclosed last night that in the past 10 months he has een objects now being loosely described as "flying saucers" but he calls "flying mayonnaise jars."

e particular difference between the mysterious objects of Mr. 's report and those which have now been observed in some 40 states in that the former, according to the pilot, held a true course until they disappeared from sight.

This would indicate a guided or at least an aimed missile while the course of the "saucers" has been described by observers as erratic.

Mr. Wenyon said last night that he first saw what loosely resembled a "flying mayonnaise jar" one afternoon last September while flying at about 1,000 feet. It was late in the afternoon and the pilot was flying north.

Suddenly, at an estimated distance of 2,000 feet in front of his plane and traveling from west to east, Mr. Wenyon saw the "jar." It was going at tremendous speed but the pilot was able to note several things.

The most important of these observations, insofar as an explanation is possible, is that the "jar" appeared to have some sort of rocket combustion. Mr. Wenyon said that spurts of silver flame from the tail seemed to provide the propulsion.

Carrying out the description of the "flying mayonnaise jar," Mr. Wenyon said that the tail appeared to be a lid which had been perforated and that from these perforations the flames escaped.

In a matter of two, at the most three, seconds the object had disappeared over and past Fort Miles. The pilot did not see it land and doesn't know whether it did or not.

Then on June 2 while flying at 1,400 feet in a Stinson four-passenger ship Mr. Wenyon, a pilot of 30 years' experience, saw another "jar."

He didn't say much about it to Rehoboth Airport attaches although he did mention it. Mr. Wenyon, with a theory in mind, called the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They were not interested and told him so, he said. He then called Eastern Airlines and the Civil Aeronautic Authority both of which gave him a sympathetic hearing, thanked him and said they'd investigate.

To date he has received no answer from either.

Mr. Wenyon's theory is that one of these "jars" was responsible for the crash of the Eastern Airlines plane at Port Deposit, Md., on Memorial [illegible] which killed 53 persons. He [illegible] the stories of that accident and believes now that th[illegible] on in mid-air, [illegible] of witnesses.

Commission said they had no connection with the mystery.

The West, which originated the saucer reports, continued to produce observers who claimed to have seen the whirling dics and also brought forth one deflationary explanation of them.

Bob Johnson, operator of a flying service at Missoula, Mont., reported he had captured one of the discs and found it to be milkweed seeds.

Charles Odom, 23-year-old former B-17 navigator, theorized at Houston, Tex., that the objects might be a version of radio-controlled "crystal balls" used by the Nazis in the war.

These balls, which flew to the [illegible] titude of the bomber and apparently were magnetized to fly along w[illegible] the planes, sent b[illegible] to ra[illegible] scr[illegible] data on [illegible]omb[illegible]

Mystery Discs of Wilmington,

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ranged from the theory that they were radio controlled flying missiles sent aloft by U. S. military scientists to the suggestion that they might be merely sun light reflected on wing tanks of jet-propelled planes.

A. B. Cross of Chattanooga, Tenn., a 34-year-old watchmaker, announced he invented the "flying saucer" and submitted it to the War Department in 1943 but his idea was rejected as not practical "at the present time."

Later, he said, he became convinced that the department elaborated on his plan. His model was powdered with a rubber band, Cross said, but he believed atomic power now is being used.

A Spokane, Wash., woman insisted the objects she saw were of such size that together they would take up the space of a five-room house if they landed, but a Clearwater, Fla., woman said the disks she observed resembled "pie pans."

At Rutland, Vt., a woman reported she and her husband witnessed a brilliant object in the night sky which she assumed to be a "flying saucer" although it was stationary.

But at Cambridge, Mass., a housewife said she saw "a group of white, flying saucers whirling around and going at a tremendous speed."

The Massachusetts and Vermont reports brought to 40 the number of states in which the objects have been observed.

With New England getting into the game, the Harvard University astronomical observatory took note of the reports but said it had had no luck so far in photographing one of the discs.

The mysterious saucers first were reported June 25 in the State of Washington, but Charlie T. Hamlet, superintendent of the Kingsport, Tenn., Times News composing room, said yesterday he had seen the discs two years ago.

They were "of a bright, aluminum color" and "were going at terrific speed," Hamlet said, explaining he kept quiet about them because of the Oak Ridge atomic bomb plant, then a war secret.

Lester Barlow of Stamford, Conn., international known explosives inventor, advanced the theory that the objects were radio controlled flying missiles.

Reports persisted that the Army was looking into the phenomena but Gen. Carl Spaatz, Army Air Forces commandant, said he knew of no AAF plans to search for the saucers.

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